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SUMMARY.

The Parliament Bill was agreed to by 351 votes to 227, the Nationalists shouting: "Down with the Lords."

Mr. Winston Churchill stated that a measure, creating a fair, well-constituted Second Chamber, would be introduced.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain has given notice of an amendment advocating a different kind of reform.

Lord Lansdowne announces the early introduction of a bill in the House of Lords to amend its Constitution.

The Parliamentary Suffrage Committee asks for an inquiry into the conduct of the police during demonstrations by suffragists.

Onlookers allege that women were struck with fists, otherwise ill-treated, and subjected to indecencies.

The Board of Trade Court found that the steamer Waratah was lost in a storm, when she probably capsized.

The Court dismissed the theory that the loss of the vessel was due to an explosion of bunker coal.

It also discredited the story that bodies were seen from the Tottenham off the coast of South Africa.

Eleven cases of smallpox have been reported from the Mile End district of London.

The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Heir-presumptive to the Austrian Throne, will represent the Emperor at the Coronation.

In connection with the Houndsditch murders the prosecution against the woman Milstein has been abandoned.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool entertained Sir George Reid, High Commissioner for Australia, at a banquet.

The "Fremdenblatt" predicts that the Canada-American agreement will be the death-bell of freetrade.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leuchars succeeds Sir F. Hoor as Minister for Commerce and Industry in the South African Cabinet.

A fire broke out on a train near Perm (Russia). Seven passengers were killed, and 32 injured.

The Canadian Parliament has formally declared its loyalty to Britain, following an address motion by a French Nationalist.

Strong opposition is developing in the United States against the new Japanese treaty omitting immigration restrictions.

The executive of the P.L.L. has followed up its mandate to the Labour members of the State Parliament with other documents.

The latest communication is more in the nature of a command than a request. It demands the attention of all members.

A meeting has been convened of New South Wales Federal and State Labour members of Parliament for March 3.

Ministers, when approached, declined to make any statement in reference to the circular issued by the P.L.L. executive.

A series of resolutions, carried at the recent Local Government Conference, was placed before Mr. Griffith yesterday.

The Minister, replying to the deputation, made some important announcements regarding the policy of the Government.

The number of fatal mining accidents in New South Wales last year was 61, or 2.51 per 1000 persons employed.

The rate is the highest respecting fatal accident with the exception of 1902, the year of the Mount Kembla disaster.

The Premier's motor-car dashed into a shallow lake on the western road. The whole party had to wade out.

The Robert University Council has accepted an agreement with the Ralston trustees for founding a Chair of Biology.

The total receipts at the recent test match were £1677. The Victorian Cricket Association will have about £200 profit on the match.

Tenders are to be called for constructing the remaining section of the Newcastle sewerage scheme at a cost of £25,000.

Mr. Griffith is also making inquiries as to when money can be made available for another section of the North Coast railway.

The Eastern was docked at Mort's, Balmain, yesterday. The damage is extensive, and repairs will occupy three months.

The Tamworth Council is inviting the Works Minister to inquire into its water scheme, which is a failure.

Mr. Nielsen told a deputation at Golgol that he was totally opposed to the existence of town commons.

Mr. C. G. Wade and Mr. C. W. Oakes addressed a large gathering in the Armidale Town Hall on Wednesday night.

Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Poore left Sydney for England by the R.M.S. Macedonia yesterday morning.

The Victorian Minister for Lands thinks that his Government would give a subsidy for a service with Vancouver.

At a meeting of the A.J.C. it was decided to add over £7000 to the prize-money for the year.

The Minister for Works yesterday promised a municipal deputation to give councils full power respecting hoardings.

Mr. Griffith said that the last Government preferred to regard the interests of wealthy hoarding-owners.

Senior Cadet corps existing before registration are disbanded, the cadets becoming automatically absorbed into the new system.

Next week a deputation from the Council of Churches will wait on the Postmaster-General with regard to Sunday work.

Mr. Griffith promised the Local Government Association that delegates shall travel free to the annual conferences.

The taking of evidence commenced yesterday in the territorial dispute between Victoria and South Australia.

Mr. Griffith has promised to have trial surveys made of proposed tramway routes from Baulkham Hills.

A heavy sea broke over the barque Gladys on its way to Fremantle. A seaman is missing.

Mr. J. J. Hammond made two further successful biplane flights in Victoria. His wife flew with him on one trip.

The first annual report of the medical officer of health at Broken Hill strongly condemns local sanitary conditions.

Mr. Johnson promises to carefully consider a request for monthly tickets on all-night trams to all-night workers.

Mr. E. W. Schneider, amateur champion cyclist, will represent Australia at the Coronation sports in England.

The schooner Australia while attempting to cross the Macleay bar ran ashore on a sandbank.

Captain Barclay, who is exploring new country in the Northern Territory, is now between Charlotte Waters and Alice Springs.

Mr. J. Cook, M.P., spoke against the referendum at Katoomba on Wednesday evening—Mr. Fuller, M.P., at Picton.

The survivor of the Russian ship Glenbank tells a gruesome story of sharks devouring his comrades.

The fruitgrowers of Mildura (Vic.) have passed a compulsory conference to be called to avert a strike.

The scheme for a direct railway from Newcastle to South Maitland has received a set back.

To-day the South African cricket team will play the return match against New South Wales.

The members of the Ministerial party in Western Australia will carry on a campaign against the Referendums.

Business was quiet on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Copper was steady, gold and tin were quiet.

Forecast:—Some showers on the North Coast, otherwise fine generally, except for isolated thunderstorms. Variable winds, with rough seas on the North Coast.

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LAW REPORT.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Gordon.)

THE RESULT OF A GALE.

Lamb v Phillips.

Mr. Carlos, instructed by Mr. A. J. Reynolds, appeared for the defendant in support of the appeal; and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. H. T. Morgan and Morgan, for the plaintiff, in support of the finding. This was an appeal from the decision of Judge Backhouse in the District Court in October last in an action brought by Annie Elizabeth Lamb (wife of Horace George Lamb) against Edith Phillips, to recover compensation for the injury to the plaintiff's house at Bradley's Head-road, Mosman, owing to the roof of the defendant's house adjoining being blown off and falling against plaintiff's building on July 18 last. The facts of the case have already been given. Upon the close of the evidence, his Honor found that there was no personal negligence on the part of the defendant, but that the contractor whom she employed was negligent, and did not construct the roof of her house properly. He gave a verdict to the plaintiff, with damages £34, and the defendant now appealed, mainly on the grounds that the verdict should have been given for her, as she employed an independent contractor, who was competent for the work, and that she was not aware of any defect in the work; that there was no evidence of negligence on her part; and that his Honor should have found that the damage alleged was attributable to vis major, and not to any default on the part of the defendant.

After argument,

The Chief Justice said that as the point at issue was a very novel one, the Court must consider its judgment.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice Pring, and Mr. Justice Sly.)

APPEAL IN A LIBEL ACTION.

Herd v Anderson.

Mr. Young, instructed by Mr. D. J. Lobban, of Grafton (by his agents, Messrs. Lobban and Lobban), appeared for the defendant, in support of the appeal; and Mr. E. M. Mitchell, instructed by Messrs. M'Guren and Pollock, of Grafton (by their agent, Mr. A. J. M'Donald), for plaintiff, in support of the verdict. This was an appeal by the defendant from the decision of a jury in a case tried at the District Court, Grafton, before Acting-Judge Edmunds, on November 9 last, in which W. A. Herd sued Thomas Anderson to recover £200 compensation for alleged libel. The libel complained of by the plaintiff was that the defendant published an advertisement in the "Coff's Harbour and Dorrigo Times" newspaper, of September 9 last, in the following terms: "Burnt out, starved out, cleared out. This is what happened to the clever crowd that started out to bump Anderson the furniture man, and I am here yet, and in a better position to sell than before." Plaintiff contended that the advertisement was aimed at him, and was libellous, but defendant denied this, and contended that the words were not capable of bearing, and did not, in fact, bear, any defamatory meaning. It the course of his evidence the plaintiff stated that he formerly carried on business in Coff's Harbour as a furniture-maker, and defendant carried on business at the same place. So far as manufacturing was concerned, he and defendant were the only persons carrying on that class of business at Coff's Harbour. In June, 1910, there was a fire on his premises, and he went to Sydney and got a fresh stock, intending to start at Coff's Harbour, but he eventually started at South Grafton instead. No person carrying on a similar business at Coff's Harbour but himself had been burnt out, or who could be said to have left the district. He took the words in the advertisement to apply to him, and thought they could not apply to anyone else. The witness was cross-examined at some length by Mr. Young, who appeared for the defendant, as to his financial position when he left Coff's Harbour; and several witnesses were called who said they had seen the advertisement complained of as a libel, and took it to refer to the plaintiff. At the close of the plaintiff's case, Mr. Young asked his Honor to direct the jury that if it was true that plaintiff left Coff's Harbour with a view to evade payment of his creditors, they should take that into consideration on the question of damages. Mr. M'Guren, on behalf of plaintiff, objected on the ground that there was no such evidence, and his Honor refused to direct the jury as asked. Mr. Young, without going into evidence, then addressed the Court, and his Honor, in summing up, told the jury that if they found for the plaintiff the amount of their verdict should correspond with the estimate they formed of the injury done to his reputation. He further directed them that the attack made upon the plaintiff's character in the conduct of the case might, if they thought it to be undeserved, be taken into consideration on the question of damages. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, in the sum of £40, and the defendant now appealed to have the verdict set aside, and a verdict for defendant or a nonsuit entered, mainly on the ground that the verdict was against evidence; that his Honor refused to direct the jury that they might take the plaintiff's character into consideration in mitigation of damages, if they believed he had acted fraudulently in connection with his fire, and had left Coff's Harbour without paying his debts in order to avoid payment thereof, or to defeat and delay his creditors; that he should have directed the jury that if they found the alleged libel to be true as applied to the plaintiff, they should take the same into consideration in mitigation of damages; and that the damages awarded were excessive. Refusal on the part of the Judge to permit certain evidence to be given was also alleged.

After hearing Mr. Young, Mr. Justice Cohen said that the Court desired to hear Mr. Mitchell only on the point as to the refusal of the Judge to give the jury the special direction asked for at the trial of the action.

The Court held that the acting District Court Judge was right in refusing to recall the jury, and to direct them that if they thought plaintiff had left Coff's Harbour in order to evade payment of his debts, they could take that fact into consideration in assessing the amount of damages. The jury were told by his Honor that if the plaintiff left debts behind him at Coff's Harbour they might take that fact into consideration in arriving at an estimate of the damages, and, judging from the small amount awarded, it was probable that they did consider the matter; but there was no evidence that plaintiff left Coff's Harbour to evade payment of his debts.

Appeal dismissed with costs.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

A TYSON ESTATE.

WIDOW AND HER CHILDREN.

CASE HEARD IN CAMERA.

An application was made on behalf of Jane Georgina Tyson, widow of James Tyson, jun., grazier, of Riverton, Hay, for further access to her infant children, James Abbot Tyson, Rose Tyson, Isabella Margaret Tyson, and May Queenie Tyson.

Mr. Langer Owen, K.C., and Mr. J. T. Lingen, instructed by Mr. W. G. Parish, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Knox, K.C., Mr. J. M. Harvey, instructed by Messrs. Fisher and Macnaghten, Mr. C. Watt (chairman), and A. J. Mackenzie (manager) of the Perpetual Trustee Company, guardians of the children.

Under his will the late James Tyson, jun., appointed Messrs. Watt and Mackenzie guardians of his infant children, to whom he bequeathed practically the whole of his estate, which is stated to be worth about £200,000. Under the will Mrs. Tyson, widow, was allowed access to the children once a week. Some months ago she filed a summons for further and better access to the children, and the guardians replied that until the summons was determined they would not allow her to see the children at all. When the matter came before the Court originally, his Honor decided that Mrs. Tyson should be allowed certain access to her children pending the hearing of the application.

The case was heard in camera.

His Honor, in giving judgment, granted the application, Mrs. Tyson to have increased access to her children, viz., on Saturdays and Sundays, and one other day in the week to be arranged.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

LITIGATION OVER A MORTGAGE.

Laycock and another v Gray and another.

Mr. Loxton, K.C., and Mr. S. A. Thompson, instructed by Mr. E. A. Roberts, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Mr. W. A. Gilder, for the defendants. The plaintiffs, in their statement of claim, set out that plaintiff, Aaron Laycock, of Botany, builder, was the registered proprietor, under the Real Property Act of 1900, of land in the parish of Petersham, containing 2 roods 15¼ perches. On March 12, 1907, he mortgaged the property to defendants, Edward Duncan Gray and William Lambert, of Sydney, merchants, to secure the repayment of £3000 and interest, and by a second mortgage, dated February, 1909, plaintiff Laycock gave a second mortgage to the plaintiff, Phillip Calfe Hill, to secure the repayment of the sum of £750, with interest, and this sum was still due. Laycock committed default in respect of the first mortgage, and the defendants entered into possession of the land, received the rents and profits thereof from July 12, 1909. In the same year, defendants accepted an offer for the purchase of the land, and subsequently transferred it to Ida Elizabeth Gilder and Frederick Algernon Gilder, as tenants in common, in consideration of the sum of £3250. Plaintiffs now submitted that in the circumstances of the case no commission in respect of the sale was chargeable against them, or either of them, and that defendants should account to them for rent received up to the completion of the sale, namely, September, 1909. They therefore asked for a declaration that defendants were not entitled to charge plaintiffs with the sum of £80 5s, or any other sum, in respect of commission on the sale of the land to Gilder, and that defendants were liable to them for the rent and profits of the land up to September 13, 1909.

Defendants, in their statement of defence, claimed by accounts submitted to plaintiffs that they were only liable to account for them for rent of the mortgaged premises up to the date of the contract of sale. They also contended that plaintiffs were rightly charged with the commission on the sale.

After the case had been opened the parties conferred, and it was agreed that £98 2s should be treated as the balance due to plaintiffs on the account, and that there should be no order as to costs.

IN DIVORCE.

(Before Mr. Justice Gordon.)

WHIFFEN v WHIFFEN.

Mr. J. Howarth appeared in support of a petition for divorce filed by Albert Henry Lewis Whiffen, a plumber, against Nellie Maud Mary Whiffen (formerly Wing), on the ground of alleged adultery at Bathurst with Denis Terry Mullins, who was joined as co-respondent. The suit was undefended. The parties were married on June 1, 1904, at Sydney, according to the rites of the New Unitarian Church.

Evidence was given that the respondent had been convicted of bigamy in marrying the co-respondent, representing herself as a widow.

In this case judgment had been reserved, and his Honor said he found that the charge against the respondent had been proved, and granted a decree nisi, returnable in six months.

KEELY v KEELY.

Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Mr. A. G. de L. Arnold, appeared for Maxwell Keely, a publisher, who petitioned for restitution of conjugal rights. There was no appearance of the respondent, Marianne Louise Keely (formerly Pettingell). The parties were married on May 19, 1898, at Phillip-street, Sydney, according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church.

Petitioner complained that his wife left him on February 24, 1910. He said he was a publisher, and was born in Alabama, coming to Australia in 1896. He married respondent in 1898, and thought she was a native of Queanbeyan. He regarded this State as his home.

His Honor said he did not think it was necessary to prove domicile in a case of this kind.

Mr. Whitfeld said he thought it was the practice.

Petitioner said that there were no children of the marriage. His wife ceased to live with him on February 24, 1910, when he received a telegram from her stating that she had left home. He found, on arriving at his home, that she had removed all the furniture, and left only his personal effects.

In reply to Mr. Whitfeld, petitioner said that his wife was fretful, and expressed her determination to "either leave me or jump over South Head—something to that effect." He subsequently saw her, and told her that he loved her dearly, but she refused to return. Later on he received another telegram from her that she was leaving for the country. He had continued to support her after she left him. At the time she deserted him they were living in Hereford-street, Glebe.

The case stood over for the production of an affidavit as to identification in connection with the service of the petition on the respondent.

MICHEL v MICHEL.

Mr. P. K. White appeared in support of a petition by Juliette Michel (formerly Hoson), who sought a dissolution of her marriage with Joseph Michel, a bookbinder. The petition was based on the ground that the respondent, who did not appear, had on August 9, 1910, been imprisoned for a period of not less than three years, and was still in prison, under sentence to penal servitude for ten years.

The parties were married at the Registrar's Office, Auckland, New Zealand, the petitioner at the time being 16 years of age. Her mother gave her consent to the marriage. Respondent was at the time of marriage 35 years of age, and described himself as a carter. He was a native of France.

The case stood over for further evidence.

SMITH v SMITH.

Mr. R. W. Fraser appeared in support of a petition by Fred. Smith, a carpenter, who sought for a dissolution of his marriage with Hannah Smith (formerly Thorold), on the ground of desertion.

The parties were married on March 8, 1892, at Lismore, according to the rites of the Church of England. Petitioner said he was an American by birth, and had been a resident of New South Wales for 26 or 27 years. When he last saw her and told her to come home, her reply was that he could get a divorce.

The decree nisi was granted, returnable in six months.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. F. H. Salusbury.)

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re Alfred Cottrell. This release was granted, to operate as an order of discharge after a nominal suspension of one day.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re George Frederick Millgate. There was no appearance on behalf of bankrupt, and the application was struck out.

Re Joseph Kennedy. The Registrar found that bankrupt failed to keep proper books, contracted debts without having at the time reasonable or probable grounds of expectation of being able to pay them, and that he should have suspended voluntarily, as he knew in February that he was nearly insolvent, but put a creditor to the expense of obtaining a sequestration order. The operation of the order of discharge was suspended for two years.

Re George Cooper, junior. Mr. C. Delohery appeared for bankrupt. Adjourned to March 16 for further information.

Re James Joseph Kelly. The Registrar said that, in view of the dividend paid, the operation of the order of discharge would be suspended for the nominal period of one day; but he found that bankrupt had contracted debts without reasonable or probable grounds of expectation of being able to pay them. The certificate to release bankrupt from the order of June 13, 1901, to the full extent, such order being suspended as from October, 1901, the date of the last payment.

Re John Masterton. Adjourned to March 2, on the application of the official assignee for Mr. Weaver, who is bankrupt's solicitor.

Re Henry Thomas Bray. Mr. Berne appeared for bankrupt. Adjourned to March 9 for further information.

MOTION TO RESCIND ORDER.

Re Ambrose Thomas. Mr. Davenport appeared for bankrupt. The order was rescinded, as asked, being one for the payment of £2 monthly to the official assignee from February 14, 1911.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Lindsay Ross. Bankrupt was further examined by Mr. Harriott for proved creditors. There was no resolution. The meeting closed. The public examination was declared concluded.

Re Lewis Davis. Bankrupt consented to an order for the payment of £1 per week out of his salary for the benefit of his creditors. The meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

Re Charles Bruce Nicoll and Samuel Rodgers. Adjourned to March 2.

Re Edward Chambers. Adjourned to March 16 for amendment of accounts and explanation as to deficiency.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 36.

Re Charles Bruce Nicoll and Samuel Rodgers. Adjourned to March 2.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

Re Henry Le Tonge and Catherine Le Tonge, of the Woolloomooloo Royal Hotel, Sydney, hotel-keepers, ex parte Resch's, Ltd. Petition to be heard on March 3.

Re Thomas Taylor, of Haldon-street, Lakemba, near Sydney, and carried on business at 12 Kensington-street, Sydney, nail manufacturer, ex parte James Augustus Wilson. Petition to be heard on February 24.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

George Andrews, of Cobar, miner. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before the President, Judge Heydon.)

HUNTER WATER BOARD EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Joshua B. Hensen, of Waratah, Newcastle, was nominated by Mr. Cook as representative of the employers on the Hunter River District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage Wages Board. The appointment of a chairman was allowed to stand over.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Mr. H. A. G. Curry, president, and Commissioners Brandis and Houston, C.M.G.).

APPEALS.

L. Gordon appealed against the recommendation of the local land board for refusal of his application for the conversion of special lease No. 2374, Bellingen, into an original additional purchase No. 1909-91, Bellingen. The land in question comprised 80 acres, situated in Water Reserve 78, parish of Never Never. The lease was granted for agricultural, dairying, and grazing purposes. The board held that there were objections in the public interest to that reserve, in view of the proposed opening of a road through portion 19 of 100 acres, adjoining as part of a public road from Dorrigo to Coff's Harbour. The Court thought that the application should be recommended, that the application should be re-quired to excluding such of the land as was required to continue the road projected. The appeal was sustained, and the case remitted to the board for necessary action. Mr. Briner, M.L.A., appeared for the appellant.

J. Maher appealed against the direction of the local land board in respect of his original conditional purchase application No. 1909-155 Bellingen. Mr. Briner appeared for the appellant. The appeal was sustained on the ground that the road excised from the land applied for was not necessary. Case remitted to the board for necessary action.

A. W. Sleeman appealed against the recommendation of the local land board in respect of his application to convert his special lease No. 1908-42 Deniliquin into an additional conditional purchase No. 1909-8 Deniliquin. The appeal was sustained, and the case remitted to the land board for the necessary action.

J. B. Fennessey appealed against the finding of the local land board in respect of his additional conditional purchase No. 1910-18 Grafton. The case was struck out, but the board made a superfluous finding in connection with any future transferee. The case was remitted to the board, with a view to an amendment of their decision.

In the matter of a reference by the Minister for Lands for decision in respect of William John Julian Cameron's additional conditional purchase No. 1910-71 Tenterfield, the Court sustained the reference, and remitted the matter to the board for reconsideration with a view to the disallowance of the A.C.P. in question.

The appeal by A. Adams against the appraised value of a Crown improvement (well) on his additional homestead selection No. 1909-2 Hillston was dismissed, and the value of the well determined at £25.

The appeals by A. Thompson and A. A. Thompson against the recommendation of the local land board for refusal of special leases No. 1910-21 and 1910-26 Armidale were dismissed.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Murray and a jury of four.)

A BROKEN ANKLE.

CLAIM FOR £1000.

Smedley v Municipality of Ashfield.

Mr. A. Watt, instructed by Mr. J. H. M'Laughlin, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Mark Mitchell and Forsyth, for the defence.

This was an action brought by John Thomas Smedley and Sametta Smedley, his wife, against the Municipality of Ashfield, to recover compensation for injuries received by the female plaintiff, owing to the alleged negligence of the defendants in allowing a footpath in Yasmar-street to remain in a dangerous condition. There were three counts in the declaration, the first setting forth that defendants wrongfully cut up and caused deep ruts in the footpath in the street named, and thereby rendered the footpath dangerous to persons passing along the road, and plaintiff, when passing along the footpath in June last, stepped into one of the ruts, and was thrown down, one of her ankles being broken, besides which she was otherwise injured, whereby she was laid up for a long time. The second count charged that defendants neglected to properly light the locality. Under the third count the male plaintiff claimed for loss of his wife's services, etc. Under the first and second counts plaintiffs claimed £850, and under the third count the male plaintiff claimed £150.

The defendants entered a plea of not guilty.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiffs for £400 on the first two counts, and £50 on the second.

LOCAL OPTION COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse, Mr. Smithers, S.M., and Mr. Love, S.M.).

Preliminary evidence was taken in connection with the application of clients.

Mr. Windeyer (instructed by Messrs. Asher, Old, and Jones) appeared for Tooth's Brewery, Mr. Ralston, K.C., for Toohey's, Ltd., Messrs. M'Intosh, Tighe, Purcell, and W. A. Walker (instructed by Mr. A. Burns), also appeared on behalf of clients.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Docker and jury.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

SHEEP-STEALING CHARGE.

ACQUITTED.

Frederick Sidney Martineer and Edwin Henry Edwards were charged with having, on January 12, at Flemington, stolen 59 sheep, the property of Thomas Alfred Field; five sheep, the property of Stephen Mahoney; 11 sheep, the property of Thomas Henry Jordan and Robert Jordan; and eight sheep, the property of Albert Denis Lynch. The accused were further charged with having received the sheep mentioned, well knowing them to have been stolen.

Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for Martineer; and Mr. Pickburn (instructed by Mr. Linton) for Edwards.

The case for the Crown was shortly that after a sale at Flemington on January 12 a drover named Harrison had 365 sheep at the yards for delivery. He left Flemington at about 7.20 p.m. with the sheep for Granville, and in the morning it was discovered that 70 or 80 sheep were missing. Martineer, also a drover, had on the same date a consignment of 220 sheep and 45 lambs for delivery at Granville. Sidney Bryan, a carter at Botany, said he saw Martineer's sheep bearing brands coinciding with those on the lost sheep were subsequently found at Edwards' slaughter yards.

The accused Martineer said that on January 12 he was engaged by Edwards to drive sheep from Flemington to Botany. He should have had 230 sheep and 45 lambs, but he was 20 lambs short. Harrison was intoxicated that night, and got away with his sheep first, taking them towards Granville, while he (accused) drove his towards Sydney. The night was dark and wet, and accused saw at daybreak that he had certain sheep which did not belong to him. Accused noticed the strange sheep by their brands. He counted them, and found he had 314 sheep, or 59 over. Accused saw Edwards and told him that he had 59 sheep too many. He also told Edwards to keep the sheep for a time until he could find an owner, and if that could not be done to kill them and pay an average price in the event of an owner turning up. Accused told Edwards not to touch the lambs, as he wished to see Weaver and Perry about them.

To Mr. Harris accused said it was a frequent occurrence for stray sheep to join a flock on the roads.

Edwin Henry Edwards said that he engaged Martineer to drive 230 sheep and 45 lambs. When Martineer arrived at the sheep wimmera could not remember if Martineer said anything about surplus sheep. Some lambs were mentioned by Martineer, and witness was asked not to touch them until Martineer had communicated with the selling agents, as delivery of them had not been taken. Witness killed several sheep and other lambs, but as he had not enough of the latter he purchased some carcases. He found there were more than 70 sheep over, for which he was perfectly willing to pay, in accordance with the usual custom.

Several witnesses were called for the defence, who said that sheep got frequently mixed whilst travelling.

After a short retirement the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Both accused were therefore discharged. His Honor said he quite agreed with the jury's verdict.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—District Court appeal: Irwin v the Sydney Milk and Ice Company, Ltd. Motion: Ex parte Mabel Pounsil, re J. R. Fairfax and others (attachment). District Court appeals: Silver v Schwartz, the Council of the City of Broken Hill v the Broken Hill Suburban Gas Company, Limited. New trial motion: Bode v the Wollongong Gaslight Company, Limited.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Pendlebury v O'Neill, for discovery (part heard).

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce, in No. 4 Jury Court.—At 10—Cause List: Russell v Russell, Newsham v Newsham, Stebbings v Stebbings, Flaklar v Flaklar, Fitzpatrick v Fitzpatrick, Mullens v Mullens, Smith v Smith.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity.—10 a.m.—Motions generally: Harrop v Levy, motion to continue injunction; Bertwhick v Cliffe, motion for decree; re T. Clayton and C. and L. of P. Act, petition for sale; re T. J. Jackson and R. P. Act, motion to settle issue; re B. Dacker and R.P. Act, motion for vesting order. Before Mr. Justice Street.—No. 1 Jury Court.—10 a.m.: Re J. Clifford (deceased) and C. and L. of P. Act, petition for sale; Matthews v Clifford, originating summons; Rickard v Caldwell, summons for interlocutory orders.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: Plunkett v Phillips, to settle draft report. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: J. W. Johnson and Permanent Trustee Company Act, to settle minutes of order.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—D. G. Branch, 10.15; H. W. Prescott, 10.30; W. T. Farrell, 11; Jas. Tunney, 12.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, at 10 a.m.—Hearing of creditors' petitions: Re Thomas Robert Scott, ex parte John Blanche and Margaret Blanche; re Alfred Charles Moodie, ex parte Henry Bull and Co., Limited; re Thomas Taylor, ex parte James Augustus Wilson. Examination under section 30: John Dodd. At 2.15 p.m.—Single meetings and public examination: Abdullah Hannah. Audit of accounts and plans.

In Lunacy.—Before the Master.—At 10 a.m.: Re incapable person, to settle draft mortgage.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray, at 10 a.m.—Examinations of judgment debtors: Little v Allen, Holdship Timber Company, Limited, v Argyll. Motions generally: Solomons v Shadler, Vass v Williams, Mulroney v the Warringah Shire Council. Causes: Mulroney v the Warringah Shire Council, Fox v Cohen.

Notice.—A second Court will sit for the trial of actions in No. 2 Court, commencing on Monday next, 27th inst. Special Court, Friday, February 24, 1911.

The Special Court for the electorate of Lane Cove will sit at the Courthouse, Darlinghurst, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of determining the reduction to be made in the number of existing licenses in the said electorate.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Heydon, at 10 a.m.—For hearing: Re Printing (Compositors and Operators) Board; re same (Country) board, for variation by Dimock, Limited; re Hairdressers' (Cumberland) Board, for nomination of employees' representative; re Unskilled Labourers' (Building) Board, for nomination of employees' representative. Summons for money duct: Florates v Comino. Re Unskilled Labourers' (Country Railway Construction and Water Conservation Board), to amend constitution.

INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR'S COURT.

At 10.30 a.m.—Summons for penalty—To be adjourned: Connington v Baldwin Brothers. For hearing: Marshall v Richens, Corbitt v Seymour (17 cases), same v Cropley (4 cases), same v Randall, Durack v English and Co., same v Hagen and Co. Summons for money due—To be adjourned: Dodge v Baldwin Brothers.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

At Darlinghurst Courthouse.—David Dickinson, robbery; George Melvin, assault.

At No. 2 District Court.—Appeals against magistrates' convictions and orders:—James Mackay, breaches of Noxious Trades Act; Sydney Penn, Infant Protection Act; Sydney James Ryan, insulting words.

PETITION FOR DIVORCE.

ISSUES NOT PROVED.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

In the District Court to-day, before Judge Fitzhardinge, Agnes Young, nee Gordon, petitioned for a dissolution of her marriage with David Thomas Valentine Young, on the grounds of desertion, habitual drunkenness, and cruelty. Mr T. A. Braye appeared on behalf of the petitioner, and Mr. A. H. James on behalf of the respondent. The parties were married on June 3, 1903, at Broadmeadow, according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church. There were two children. Petitioner stated that her husband was a labourer in the railway yard, but lost his employment three months after marriage. He then took up bookmaking. Witness stated that the respondent started drinking, and used to stay out late at night. They went to live at Tighe's Hill, and while there respondent hit her. Respondent afterwards bought a hairdressing business in Terrace-street.

Respondent denied the allegations of drunkenness and cruelty, and stated that the petitioner left him on February 17, 1905, and returned to her mother. He afterwards asked her to return to him, but she refused.

His Honor, in giving judgment, said he could not, on the evidence, find that respondent was an habitual drunkard. He could not find on the evidence that he had deserted his wife. For some reason, he could not say what, the wife had left her husband. "I have no doubt," said his Honor, "that at times he did not behave as a husband should; but when a woman marries a man she has got to put up with that. She takes him for better or for worse, and she has to put up with the worst just as she enjoys the better, and in this case, if the wife had been a little more lenient, a little more forgiving, I have very little doubt that the parties would have continued to live more or less happily together." This conclusion he came to on the evidence on behalf of the petitioner. The evidence called on behalf of the respondent did not in any sense of the word strengthen the conclusion. He was sorry to say that he placed very little reliance on part of the evidence given on behalf of the respondent.

ABSENT FROM HIRED SERVICE.

A JUDICIAL DECISION.

Before Judge Scholes, in the District Court, an appeal was made by Alfred Gentry, Henry Miller, and Leslie George O'Brien, cooks, against a conviction by Mr. J. L. King, S.M., at the Central Police Court, under which they were each order to pay a fine of £2, with 6s court costs, and £1 in professional costs, with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour, on a charge of absenting themselves without notice from the hired service of J. W. Cockbaine, of the Royal Hotel, George-street. Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Messrs. Davison and Herford, appeared for the appellants; and Mr. W. E. Walker, instructed by Messrs. Shipway and Berne, in support of the conviction. The ground of appeal was that appellants had reasonable cause for leaving their employment without notice, as Mr. Cockbaine had used insulting language to them. This was denied, but his Honor held that the language had been used, and that the use of such language towards an employee was sufficient justification for him leaving the service of his employer without notice. He therefore upheld the appeal and quashed the conviction, and awarded £5 5s costs to the appellants.

POLICE COURTS.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

HOTEL-KEEPERS FINED.

At the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, William Henry Priestley, licensee of the Oxford Hotel, Bridge-road, Drummoyne, was proceeded against on a charge of not producing a book called for by a duly appointed inspector under the Industrial Disputes Act, a copy of the pay and time-sheets of the employees engaged at the hotel. Mr. Battigate, of the Crown Law Department, appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. S. J. Bull, for defendant, who pleaded not guilty. After hearing evidence, the court found the case proved, and inflicted a fine of £2 (with 5s costs.

BOGUS COLLECTOR.

Before Mr. Fitzhardinge, D.S.M., yesterday, at the North Sydney Police Court, Jonn Herr, or Clarke, 21, was charged with having on the 20th inst., near the Mary Wallace, by stating that he was authorised to collect subscriptions in aid of the widow and orphans of the late J. Adams, of 18 Arthur-street, North Sydney, with a view to obtaining money, it was alleged that accused was seen going from house to house in a constable, who asked him what he was collecting for. He showed a collector's box, and said he was collecting for the widow of Adams, who died recently in the Little Bay Hospital. At accused's charge the officer found another book which contained a list of subscriptions. Accused pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment. On the other similar charges accused was on each sentenced to 14 days' gaol, the sentences to be cumulative.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

At the North Sydney Police Court, before Mr. Fitzhardinge, D.S.M., Reginald Algernon Wilson, 20, was charged with having on January 3 fraudulently embezzled 11s 9d, the property of his masters, the Certified Pure Milk Company, Ltd. Basham A. Lankford, the manager of the company at North Sydney, stated that accused was employed by the company from December 22 last until about January 26 last in the capacity of milk-carter at a wage of £2 8s 6d per week. He was authorised to collect accounts, but had to pay the money in to the office the same day. The amount mentioned in the charge was collected by accused on the 3rd inst., but witness had not examined his books, and found a total deficiency of £5 12s 10d, which had been traced to accused. Defendant was fined £10, or, in default, two months' imprisonment.

INSULTED HER MOTHER IN-LAW.

Alice Dubois, a young woman, was proceeded against by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Dubois, at the Central Police Court, for having used insulting words. Mrs. Dubois, sen., informed the Court that the defendant called at her house, banged the door, and used the words complained of. Defendant pleaded not guilty, but did not give evidence. She was fined 20s or seven days' imprisonment.

SUPPLYING A YOUTH WITH LIQUOR.

Before Mr. C. N. Paxton, S.M., at the Water Summons Court, Sub-inspector Solve proceeded against James Tate for having on February 10, on licensed premises known as the Imperial Hotel, Carrington-avenue, Hurlstone Park, unlawfully supplied liquor to a person under the age of 18 years. Sergeant J. C. King said that he went on the 11th instant to the lower bar of the hotel, fronting Wyndham-street, accompanied by a youth named Francis Joe M'Candie and Constable Toohey. On entering the bar, known as "The Oil in the Willie," he saw defendant and said to him, "This boy, M'Candie, states that yesterday afternoon you supplied him with two pints of beer here. He is only 16 years and 7 months old, and was locked up for drunkenness last evening." Defendant denied the statement. He was, however, convicted, and fined with 18s costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.

AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS.

ALLEGED ASSAULT WITH POKER.

Edward Durant was on Thursday, at the Paddington Police Court, charged with having unlawfully inflicted grievous bodily harm on Bertha Esther Durant on February 14. The medical evidence showed that Bertha Durant, the wife of the accused, had had a contused wound on the nose and a bruise over the left eye. Prosecutrix said she had been married to the accused for 27 years. About 6 p.m. on February 14, as she was walking along a corridor at her home in Hargrave-street, Paddington, her husband, she alleged, caught her by the throat, and struck her with his fist. Witness became insensible, and fell down. Her nose bled a great deal as a result of the blow. When she recovered her senses accused had one foot on her chest as she lay on the floor, and with the other foot he kicked her face. Witness was bruised about the chest, shoulder, and leg. When she called "police, murder," accused removed his feet from her chest, and went into the front verandah. She had not given her husband any provocation.

To Mr. L. S. Gannon (defending) witness said that the assault took place the day after she had applied for a maintenance order against her husband. She admitted smashing a window immediately she got home after the hearing of the application, and putting her hand through to open the door.

The accused said he was a jeweller. His wife came at him with a fireiron. He caught her by the arm, and when wrestling for its possession she fell and struck a step. She then started to call "murder" and "police." His wife's nose struck the step in the fall. As soon as she rose she rubbed the blood flowing from her nose over her blouse, and rent out calling for the police. Witness denied either striking or kicking his wife, nor did he tread on her.

Dr. Kesteven, who had examined Mrs. Durant's injuries, said that if the accused had stood on his wife's chest and face he would have expected to see more severe injuries.

Accused was committed for trial.

MILK COMPANY FINED.

ALLEGATION AGAINST EMPLOYEE.

The Sydney Milk and Ice Company, Limited, were the defendants in a case on Wednesday at the Central Summons Court, as the result of an information laid by Inspector B. Lloyd, of the City Council, charging them with having sold adulterated milk on December 22. A piece of public was entered. Mr. Waldron, who appeared for the council, stated that a sample of milk obtained from one of the employees of the defendant company in Forbes-street proved on analysis to have been adulterated to the extent of 7.7 per cent. of added water. An information was laid against the employee as well as the company, but the employee had disappeared. Mr. Waldron added that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of the employee, and that a representative of the company had gone to Melbourne in search of him, but had not succeeded. The council had, therefore, issued a warrant, which had not, however, been executed. An employee of defendants had been fined £10 within the last three months for a similar offence.

Mr. Percy, appearing for defendants, alleged that the employee concerned in the present case had adulterated and sold the milk to his own profit, and behind the back of the company.

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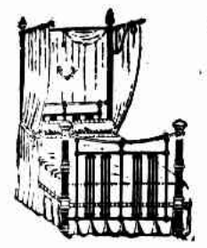

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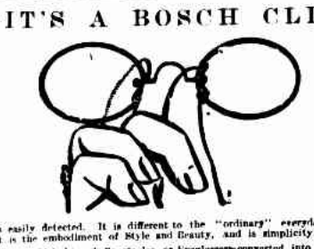

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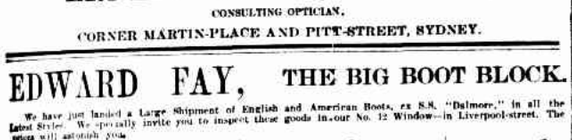

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS.

There are many peculiarities and inconsistencies which block settlement in this State. The landless must, as a rule, not only run the gauntlet of the ballot with scores, and perhaps hundreds, of competitors, but he is not always encouraged by railway concessions, as in the northern State, to inspect the land that is available. If a man is inclined to hunt round for a suitable holding, he may easily spend a great deal more money than he can afford, seeing that when he is lucky enough to draw the winning marble he has to make improvements, and wait some time before he can get a crop. It is true that under most tenures he gets 12 months' grace before he is bound to take possession, and he can thus earn something in the meantime. It would, however, be a much better arrangement if he got substantial reductions in travelling expenses, and was obliged as a set-off to begin occupation of the land within three or six months of the date of the ballot. The sooner the land becomes productive, the better for all concerned.

Then, again, it is pointed out that a resident of this State gets no railway concessions at all, under some tenures, while the immigrant can get a pass at a very moderate rate, which will take him to every district where there is land available, so that he can make a selection of the lots offering. It is, of course, a good thing to encourage the new arrival, but it is a very bad thing to discourage the citizen of the State by making the concession to the stranger at the other man's expense. It would not cost the State very much if railway fares at half rates were granted to all bona-fide seekers of land. In most cases the local man is quite as ignorant of the quality and conditions of the land as the new arrival. It is just as necessary, therefore, for him to make the inspection; and some people argue with force that if there is to be any preference, the man who is the citizen should get it. It has been shown over and over again that the Canadians take every opportunity to keep the stream flowing in their direction. It will not help us very much as a counterblast to announce in bold type that we grant railway concessions to the stranger which we deny the man on the spot.

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Of late there have been inquiries from Germans who are thinking of settling in this State, but, as they are not naturalised, they are, under the tenures they sought, debarred. The same thing applies to any other white foreigners who may come this way expecting to get land on the easiest terms a candle them to make a home. If they can locally purchase another man's right to a holding, or acquire the title deeds of a freehold, or take a block under the various Closer Settlement Acts, one wonders why the embargo stands against them in the other directions. In Queensland there are a great number of Germans, who are amongst the best settlers in the State, and, indeed, we have a number in New South Wales who are a splendid type of the producing classes. It is only a few weeks ago a batch of Germans, numbering over 100 all told, arrived in Queensland, and they were accommodated with Crown lands without any delay. If it goes abroad, as it will do, from disappointed men, that this State is refusing Germans all the privileges of the settlement laws, the fact must tell against any energetic and practical men coming here, whilst foreigners to come here.

ITEMS.

A strike of wool-carriers in Western Queensland is a possibility of the immediate future. The carriers have formed a strong union, and branches are being organised in the principal centres.

The Queensland Department of Agriculture is arranging for a series of experiments in wheatgrowing by farmers in different districts. The experiments are to be under the direct control of the department's officers, but the farmers will do all the work. The object is to test the adaptability of different wheats to given localities, producing a type that will give a better return and prove rust-resistant.

The present season in central and northern Queensland will go into the records as the most remarkable in the history of the State, owing to the splendid rains which have continued to fall. Instead of the seasons drying off, as was expected, more rain fell this summer than in any other summer on record. There were places in Western Queensland which received as much rain in January and at the beginning of February as the average for the year over a whole series of years. The result has been a further boom in pastoral properties, which have been changing hands freely.

THE SOUTH COAST.

A COMPARISON.

WHAT THE DISTRICT IS CAPABLE OF.

THE EFFECT OF RAINFALL.

IX.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

In the series of articles which have embraced the South Coast from Illawarra to Pambula one thing at least is made abundantly clear, and that is the lands down south with an average rainfall are prolifically now as they did a decade ago. The whole district without exception, in striking contrast to the conditions prevailing on the North Coast, suffered for many years from protracted drought, which had the effect of compelling many of the old hands who had spent the best years of their lives in Illawarra to seek fresh fields. And almost without exception they struck out for the north, where the bountiful rains and necessary moisture made that part of the State a veritable dairyman's paradise. But with the beginning of this year a change came over the scene on the South Coast; there has been a consistent rainfall, the farming lands are abundantly clothed with rich grasses, and the dairy cattle have not looked so well nor have the dairymen had such results for fully twenty years. The effect of the rains on the pastures is amply borne out by the monthly output of butter from the Illawarra Central creamery, which constitutes a record, in addition to which 5000 gallons of milk per day are being pasteurised and forwarded on for city consumption. At the Nowra factory the effect of the present bounteous season is in marked contrast to the weather conditions prevailing in January last year, when the amount paid away to suppliers totalled £3900. For the same month this year suppliers received £5020, an increase of £1080 on the milk yield alone. All along the coast the same encouraging state of affairs is met with—increases everywhere, and the farmers after waiting and working for years are thus reaping the reward of patience and perseverance. Evidently the growth of city population accounts for the increased demand for milk which is recorded year by year. As a result of the good season there are many inquiries for farms in the Illawarra district, but very few are available with the encouraging prospects ahead.

One very noticeable feature on the coast—and a big drawback indeed to the expansion of the dairying industry—is the difficulty of getting men to milk. As a result, a number of farmers have been compelled to instal milking machines to save reducing the herds to a proportion that can be worked independent of hired help. While the rural interests are languishing the mines are besieged with applicants for work. The explanation of this, as given by a prominent miner, who seven years ago had regular work at one of the South Coast collieries and failed to secure a berth this week, was that many immigrants ostensibly sent out as farm hands "jib" when they find out from experience that the work on farms is easy but the hours are long. There should be an interval of at least ten hours between beginning to milk in the morning and commencing again in the afternoon. Then the separating cannot be done until the cows are milked, and the washing up cannot be done till the separating is finished, so the long hours are to a great extent unavoidable. The consequence is that milking is not popular, and all the good men get away to something else, and only those who cannot get any other employment drift to the milking yards. Hence the result is that farmers who are now in a position to add to their herds are compelled from want of labour to reduce, and was obliged as a set-off to begin occupation of the land within three or six months of the date of the ballot. The sooner the land becomes productive, the better for all concerned.

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Remarkable progress has been made in fruit growing in all parts of the South Coast district during the last couple of years, and quite a number have taken advantage of the great natural fertility of the soil with excellent results. The district has much to recommend it, as it is comparatively close to the Sydney market, and the country is beautifully picturesque and well sheltered. There are quite a number of extensive and profitable orchards from which thousands of cases of rich fruit are sent away yearly. Another important feature about the South Coast is that it was formed by nature for the conservation of water and irrigation. Under such a system the district could abundantly grow vegetables and other products in conjunction with the milk supply. In many little nooks now neglected, water could be conserved easily and cheaply, and fresh vegetables raised for the Sydney market.

In the past dairy farmers on the Coast have depended entirely on the milk or cream raising powers of their farms for a living; but now many residing on the mountainous parts of the district are making money out of sheep in conjunction with dairying, which proves that healthy sheep can be raised and fattened on on the steepest of hillsides without robbing the cows of the pastures on the farms.

In conclusion, the South Coast has shown the world that it has the cattle; that these cattle will produce plenty of rich milk, and that they will breed pure to type. It has also demonstrated that a consistent rainfall can work a magical change, transforming the parched districts into a veritable Garden of Eden. Just now the Coast looks it best, and the increase in milk yields alone points to the soil being capable of producing in every way as abundantly as it did 20 years ago, when the necessary moisture was as abundant as it has been during the months of January and February of this year.

HERD TESTING.

Mr. Frank M'Caffrey, hon. secretary of the Illawarra Dairy Cattle Association, Kiama, writes:—

It appears that my remarks, which were published in the "Herald" a few days ago, under the heading of "The Illawarra Dairy Cattle Association," have displeased one of your correspondents. Such things will happen from time to time, no matter how careful one may be over his facts. Your correspondent takes very serious exception to my statement regarding Mr. Trefle's "very voluminous quotations about fanciful dairying." Your correspondent thinks differently from me, and is positive, evidently, that the Minister for Agriculture's statements were not "voluminous," but definite and practical. Such statements are largely matters of opinion, and your correspondent's opinion is not likely to alter mine, at any rate during the present year.

Your correspondent goes on to say that the Illawarra Dairy Cattle Association tests only picked animals, etc. Now, the objective of the Illawarra Dairy Cattle Association has been laid down over and over again. The aim is to collect the best animals of the old breed, test and examine them, and breed from them and from all animals. We know our business, and intend to complete our work. As to crosses, let me say this—men often write about such things who never put them properly into effect. Suppose, for example, that the Bodalla Estate mated—as the proprietors have done—imported Holsteins and Ayrshires, and after a few years found a large percentage of the progeny of this mating were yellow and white in colour, of excellent dairy quality. The company then decided, say, to cross these yellow and white cattle with a light-coloured Jersey bull, and the product of this cross turned out to be an animal similar in every way, and equal to the Guernsey. Would not the Bodalla Company be justified in calling the animals thus bred the Bodalla breed of dairy cattle? If not, I should like to know why? I should further like to know if it is not reasonable to suppose that Guernseys bred in a way as indicated in this manner, and that by the exercise of judicious inbreeding and careful selection afterwards the breed was perfected? Your correspondent says:—"It seems to be Mr. M'Caffrey's best policy to convince experts," etc. No, that is not my policy, as all the real cattle experts are in favour of the Illawarra breed of dairy cattle.

In conclusion, let me say we have the cattle and the men behind them, and when they—the Illawarra dairymen—see a better breed of cattle than their own they will go in for them, but not till then. As for herd-testing, the herd-tester tests all sorts—blacks, browns, and brindles. That, however, is not establishing a breed of dairy cattle.

RURAL WORKERS' UNION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. D. L. M'Namara, secretary of the Rural Workers' Union, reports that good progress continues to be made with enrolling rural workers. The Riverina branch has now over 500 members, and it is expected that the numbers will increase to 1000 by the end of the season. Good enrolments are reported from other districts. An organiser, Mr. G. A. Gibbons, has been appointed to visit the northern rivers district of New South Wales, where a large number of dairy employees are engaged. Mr. Mooney (secretary of the Australian Workers' Union) has been appointed to organise the rural workers of Tasmania, where a branch has been established. It is probable that the claims of the Rural Workers' Union will come before the Federal Arbitration Court in June or July.

THE PROLIFIC SEASON.

DUBBO.—There are few living who remember to have ever seen this and the adjoining districts look so well at this time of the year. What the great potentialities of the Western Plains would be under a proper system of water conservation and irrigation is now made apparent to many for the first time. From Bathurst to Orange and still some distance westward of the latter town the grasses present an autumnal colouring. From Wellington on to Dubbo and thence westward to the Darling the intensest of vernal greens clothes the landscape. Along the railway line and in many paddocks the grass is over a foot high, and even sheep are unable to keep it eaten or trodden off. The farmers are inspired by renewed hope, and are pushing on the ploughing operations. A largely increased area will be placed under wheat.

DENMAN.—The lucerne crops are looking splendid, but owing to the doubtful weather a number of farmers have been afraid to commence harvesting, and those who have have had their hay practically ruined. The maize crops are looking splendid, the stalks growing to a great height, and the cobs are numerous and healthy and well filled. Grape-cutting is now in full swing in the vineyards, but the season is not altogether favourable. The berries were first checked by a late frost, whilst the recent showery weather has also been detrimental.

RICHMOND.—The early maize crop this season bids fair to yield a heavy harvest, many acres being from 10 to 14 feet high, with every promise of producing from 70 to 100 bushels to the acre. The late crop, however, is practically an absolute failure, owing to the continuous dampness, it having turned very sallow in colour and stunted in growth; so much so that many farmers have turned their dairy herds on to it. Notwithstanding this, however, the season's yield will compare favourably with any past record.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

WINGHAM.—The member for the district, Mr. Price, has just conferred with the Minister for Lands with regard to the Bulga country. The Minister decided to make available the Bulga lands for settlement. Surveyors will proceed with survey work immediately, and the whole matter will be expedited. The sum of £6000 will be expended on the construction of a road, Bobin to Ellenborough Falls—also in constructing roads through subdivisions. Further work is contemplated in constructing roads through Crown lands in adjoining parishes. The shire engineer and works officer will confer in reference to the construction of other roads. The construction of roads will be proceeded with immediately.

WHEAT VALUES.

WEST WYALONG.—The depression in wheat values has caused much anxiety, and more than a little regret. Some farmers, who refused the highest price reached this season here, viz., 3/4 per bushel, were so alarmed by the persistent dropping in prices, that they sold eagerly when prices recovered this week, whole to more optimistic, the disposition are storing rather than accept present quotations.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

WEST WYALONG.—There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting of the Wyalong District Farmers and Settlers' Association. Mr. Thomas King Greenwood, West Wyalong, was re-elected president; vice-presidents, Messrs. N. M'Fadyen and W. C. Manning; and Mr. W. W. Bartram secretary. The annual report, which was a very encouraging character, was read by the president, who strongly advocated the adoption of co-operative measures, especially with reference to the purchase of farmers' requisites, such as bags, manure, etc. The annual membership fee was increased from 10s to £1, it being found that the need for organising work could not be met by the lower fee.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

WEST WYALONG.—In consequence of a report that the Minister for Lands has allowed the holders of Lake Cowal Scrub Leases an extension of the term of one of the leases, which would otherwise expire in comparatively short time, a public meeting has been convened for the purpose of placing forcibly before the Minister the need for such lands being thrown open in the interests of settlement.

DAIRYING.

CASINO.—The fifteenth half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Casino Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, was held at the school of arts yesterday. Mr. J. A. Junor, chairman of directors, presided. The report, which was adopted, showed that for the half-year ended December 31 829,9 lb (3614 tons) of butter was produced, being an increase of 91 tons over the same period of 1909. The increase for the whole year over that of 1909 was 186 tons. The average price realised was 10.66d per lb. During the half-year 4251 boxes were exported to London, but the prices in the early part of the season were not at all satisfactory as was expected, hence the earlier shipments showed a slight loss, but later and larger parcels show a profit. At present the factory is exporting 50 per cent. of the output. The auditors' report showed that the internal liabilities had increased by £1737 19s, while the external liabilities had increased £2132 2s 9d. The total increase in liabilities being £2290 1s 9d. The internal assets have been reduced by £1798 17s 5d, while the external assets have increased to the extent of £4516 5s 11d. Taken as a whole, the assets have increased by £427 6s 9d. The profit and loss account has been drawn up for the half-year showed the income from all sources to have been £37,706 6s 7d, and the expenditure £37,557 14s 10d, being a profit for the term of £148 11s 9d. During the 12 months the amount due to suppliers increased from £7108 2s 1d to £9052 13s 7d. Mr. R. R. Jack was elected auditor.

DENMAN.—The output of the Denman Co-operative Dairy Company, Ltd., for the month of January greatly exceeded any previous month since the inauguration of the company. During January 3004 cans of cream were received, weighing 227,925lb. From this was manufactured 105,950lb of commercial butter, valued at £4144 1s 4d. The number of suppliers has increased to 140.

WINGHAM.—The Upper Wallamba River Butter Factory paid 8½d for superfine, 8¼d for first-class, and 7¼d for second-class butter for the month of January. The output for the month was about 26½ tons.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

WAGGA.—At the Wagga District Court, William John Dennis sued George Mackaway to recover damages in respect of a contract to cut and cart chaff. The evidence was that defendant allowed the cutting to get ahead of the teams, with the result that a quantity of chaff was exposed to the weather and was damaged. Acting Judge Edmunds gave a verdict for the amount claimed, £70.

WALCHA.—Dull weather continues. Every nerve is being strained by farmers to get in their hay and grain crops. On many farms the ground is too soft to permit of reaping and binding machines working, and hand-reaping has been resorted to as a last effort to save the crops.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

GUNNING.—The show was continued on Thursday. Warm weather prevailed, and there was a large attendance. Other awards:—

Sheep (merino). Fine wool ram, 2½yrs: George Merriman, 1; L. T. Watson, 2. Ram, 1½yr: C. C. Hall, 1; Andrew Davis, 2. Ram (lamb shorn): W. T. Merriman, 1; W. McClung, 2. Ram (unshorn): E. Grace, 1; C. C. Hall 2. Ewe, 2½yrs: C. C. Hall, 1; George Merriman, 2. Ewe 1½yr: C. C. Hall, 1; W. T. Merriman, 2. Ewe (lamb shorn): Hall, 1; W. T. Merriman, 2. Ewe (unshorn): Hall, 1; W. McClung, 2. Medium and strong woolled: G. Merriman, 1 and champion; C. Grace, 2. Ram, 1½yr: Hall, 1; Grace, 2. Ram (lamb shorn): W. T. Merriman, 1; McClung, 2. Ram (unshorn): Hall, 1; Grace, 2. Ewe, 2½yrs: Hall, 1 and champion; T. Merriman, 2. Ewe, 1½yr: W. T. Merriman, 1; Hall, 2. Ewe (lamb shorn): W. T. Merriman, 1; Hall 2. Ewe (unshorn): Hall, 1; McClung, 2. Pen or strong wool, pen of three flock rams: D. and J. Leahy, 1. Fine or strong wool pen of three flock ewes: Andrew Davis, 1; W. T. Merriman, 2. Ditto, rams 1½ or under 2½ yrs: W. T. Merriman. Ditto, merino wethers: W. T. Merriman, 1 and 2.

Farmers' Class.—Hall and M'Clung secured nearly every prize in the 13 classes; Hall taking the champion in the class for ewe 2½ years.

Special Farmers' Class.—Ram, 2½yrs: 1, Turner. 1 and champion; G. A. Luck, 2. Ram, 1½yr: Ald. Bush, 1 and 2. Ram, lamb shorn: C. Turner. Ditto, unshorn: G. T. Starr. Bush ewe, 1½yr: S. J. Luck, 1; C. Turner, 2. Ditto, bred exhibitor: Turner. Bush, plain-bodied ram: Friend Bros. Bush, plain-bodied ewe: Friend Bros, 1; Turner, 2. Ditto, bred exhibitor: Friend Bros.

Wool Rams, combing fleece: George Merriman, 1 and 2. Ditto, ewes: W. T. Merriman, 1; G. Merriman, 2. Wethers: G. Merriman, 1; L. T. Watson, 2. Ditto, most commercial value: G. Merriman, 1; Watson, 2. Fine wool: G. Merriman, 1; W. T. Merriman, 2. Ditto, ewes: Watson, 1; W. T. Merriman, 2. Rams' fleece, any age: G. Massey, 1; O. Collett, 2. Ditto, ewes: J. Lyell, 1; Collett, 2. Ditto, trombred: Collett, 1 and 2. Merino rams' fleece: G. Waters, 1 and 2. Ditto, ewes: Waters.

Poultry.—Beauventure Farm and Prior Bros. were the principal prizewinners. H. Thomas, C. Lang, F. Davidson, W. J. Chappell, H. Wilson, J. Rodbourn, and J. Hookway were others. Bonaventure took champion prize for cock, and F. Davidson champion for hen; champion cockerel, H. Wilson; and hen, Prior Bros.

GUYRA.

GUYRA, Thursday.

The show was continued on Wednesday. The weather after luncheon was wet and unpleasant. The attendance was good, but not quite up to last year. Mr. F. J. Thomas, M.L.A., officially opened the show. Mr. C. G. Wade was among the visitors. The following additional awards were made:—

Horses (galloway, over 14 hands and under 14.2; White Bros., 1; H. Schaefer, 2. Galloway, over 14 hands, but not over 14.2: W. Gill, 1; H. Schaefer, 2. Horse or mare, 14.2 hands and over, to be ridden and driven: W. Turnbull. Gentleman's hack, up to 15st: W. A. Judd, 1; F. J. Maher, 2. Gentleman's hack, up to 12st: V. L. Green, 1; G. Lauder, 2. Gentleman's hack, up to 10st: V. L. Green, 1; W. A. Judd, 2. Lady's hack, ridden by lady: W. A. Judd, 1; G. Lauder, 2. Lady's hack, owned and ridden by lady, accoutrement to be considered: C. E. Nicholas. Pair of hacks, to be ridden: W. A. Judd, 1; G. Lauder, 2. Lady rider: W. A. Judd, 1; J. W. Finlayson, 2. Single buggy horse or mare, over 14 hands and under 15 (driven): W. Turnbull, 1; Mrs. W. Lauder, 2. Trotting mare or gelding, driven: R. C. Simpson. Pair buggy ponies, driven: J. Tierney. Pair buggy ponies, over 12, and under 14 hands, driven: Dr. J. A. Barrie, 1; W. L. Hogg, 2. Tandem team: W. Turnbull. Four-in-hand turnout: W. Turnbull.

Hunting Contest—Local horses: R. F. Moore's Wellington, 1; Schaeffer's Lady Laura, 2. Open hunters: W. F. Judd, 1; W. A. Judd, 2. Champion high jump: W. A. Judd, 1 and 2. Desmond and Highlander dividing. Time trot: R. C. Simpson, 1; Jas. Davidson, 2. Hurdling contest for ponies: A. Baker, 1; A. Chisholm, 2.

MANNING RIVER.

TAREE.—About 3000 were present at the second day of the Manning River Horticultural and Agricultural Society's show. At 1 o'clock Mr. Price, M.L.A., declared the show open. Mr. John Thomson, M.P., also gave an address. Both congratulated the committee upon their new ground and buildings. The awards were:—

Horses—Stallions, aged: Ald. Bush, 1; F. Arrowsmith, 2. Mare, 3yrs, without foal: A. Gordon, 1; G. A. Gill, 2. Filly, under 3yrs: D. M'Innes. Champion stallion: G. W. Steel, 1; E. Baker, 2. Heavy draught mare: Stanton, 1; A. Gordon, 2. Draught gelding: D. Smith, 2. Stanton, 3yrs: A. Irvine. Stallion, 1yr: James Evans, 1; G. M. Whatson, 2. Colt foal: A. Cunningham, 1; H. A. Allan, 2. Mare, 3yrs: M. Mooney, 1; H. A. Allan, 2. Filly, 2yrs: L. J. Gill, 1; A. Leah, 2. Filly, 1yr: G. A. Weeks, 1; G. E. Dite, 2. Filly foal: C. Whatson, 1; J. E. Hammond, 2. Gelding, any age: Mumford Bros., 1; G. A. Weeks, 2. Champion mare: R. Mooney. Active draught horses—Stallion, any age: A. Irvine. Mare, 3yrs: D. Noon, 1; S. Spence, 2. Pair horses: C. Whatson, 1 and 2. Pair draught horses: D. Murray, 1; W. Mooney, 2. Miscellaneous horses—Hackney, carry 14 stone: H. B. Newton, 1; H. Bull and Co., 2. Cattle—Milking Durhams—Bull, not less than 4 permanent teeth: J. W. Walker, 1; H. Malcolm, 2. Bull, not less than two or more permanent teeth: D. Borwood. Bull, showing not more than two permanent teeth: H. A. Allan. Cow, not more than six permanent teeth: H. A. Allan. Cow, not more than four permanent teeth: H. A. Allan. Heifer, not less than 4 permanent teeth: D. Borwood, 1; H. Malcolm, 2. Heifer, not more than 2 permanent teeth: H. Malcolm, 1; J. Clune, 2. Jersey bull, not less than 6 permanent teeth: D. Borwood, 1; H. Malcolm, 2. Heifer, not more than 2 permanent teeth: H. Malcolm, 1; J. Clune, 2. Jersey bull, not less than 4 permanent teeth: J. H. Southwell, 1; W. M'Donald, 2. Bull, not less than 2 of more than 4 permanent teeth: J. T. Small, 1; J. Pankhurst, 2. Bull, not more than two permanent teeth: A. Abbott, 1; W. Mooney, 2. Cow, not less than 6 permanent teeth: J. W. Southwell. Heifer, not more than 4 permanent teeth: J. T. Small, 1. Cow, not less than 4 permanent teeth: J. T. Small, 1; J. Pankhurst, 2. Heifer, not more than 2 permanent teeth: A. Abbott, 1; W. Mooney, 2. Cow, not less than 6 permanent teeth: J. W. Southwell. Heifer, not more than 4 permanent teeth: J. T. Small, 1; J. Pankhurst, 2. Heifer, not more than 2 permanent teeth: J. T. Small, 1; A. Martin, 2. Milking Ayrshires—Bull, showing not less than six permanent teeth: R. A. Allan, 1; J. T. Payne, 2. Bull, not more than four permanent teeth: W. J. Cox. Bull, not more than two permanent teeth: H. A. Allan. Cow, not more than six permanent teeth: H. A. Allan. Cow, not more than four permanent teeth: W. J. Cox. Heifer, not more than two permanent teeth: H. A. Allan. Dairy cattle—Bull, showing not more than four permanent teeth: J. H. Hammond. Bull, not more than two permanent teeth: R. Malcolm. Cow, not more than six permanent teeth: R. Malcolm, 1; H. A. Allan, 2. Heifer, not more than four teeth: G. A. Weeks, 1; R. Malcolm, 2.

Pigs.—Improved Berkshire boar, over 1yr: E. Drury, 1; M. Mooney, 2. Improved Berkshire boar, over six months: J. T. Bird, 1; W. Adams, 2. Improved Berkshire sow, over 1yr: E. Drury, 1

MARRIAGES.

BARDY—WOODHOUSE.—February 15, 1911, at St. John's, by Rev. James Dunner, P.P., John G. Vardy, of G.P.O., second son of M. J. Vardy, Esq., J.P., formerly of Minangalee, to Violet L. Woodhouse, widow of Schuldham Hume Woodhouse, Esq., late of Hill Crest, formerly of Mount Gilead, the youngest son of late Edmund Hume Woodhouse, Esq., J.P., of Coonong.

FARRAND—HARDEN.—December 24, 1910, at the Church of the Resurrection, Gilgandra, by the Rev. John Teetham, B.A., Norman William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrand, Warrendine, Inverell, to Beatrice, third daughter of Mrs. Harden and the late Sidney James Harden, of Hillylands, Gilgandra.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

FAIRLEY—BROWN.—February 24, 1886, by the Rev. W. G. Taylor, Wesleyan Parsonage, Princes street, Sydney, Geo. Fairley, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to Edith Helen Brown, daughter of the late Thomas and Mrs. Brown, of Sydney. Present address, Colin-street, North Sydney.

DEATHS.

BYRNE.—February 23, 1911, at his residence, Farney, Flood-street, Leichhardt, Michael Byrne (late of Beechworth, Victoria), aged 67 years. Rest in peace.

CLIPHANE.—January 13, 1911, at his mother's residence, 223 Charlo-street, Aubrey Albert (Alf.), youngest son of Mrs. E. Cliphane, aged 35 years and 11 months, late of Longreach.

CONNELLY.—February 23, at her mother's residence, Innis Moor, 62 Victoria-street, Lewisham, Clare Agnes, dearly loved daughter of Margaret and the late Michael Connelly, late of Glenfield, N.S.W., and formerly of Mount View Hotel, Riley-street, Surry Hills. R.I.P.

CRAIG.—February 23, at R.P.A. Hospital, Isabella, beloved wife of David Craig, of Pyrmont, mother of Mr. A. Craig, Mrs. Jas. Morrison, Mrs. Jas. Borland, aged 58. A resident of Pyrmont for 52 years. At rest. By request, no flowers.

FAHEY.—February 22, at her late residence, 53 Myrtle-street, city, Catherine Agnes Fahey, aged 81 years. R.I.P.

FORSTER.—February 19, at her residence, Missouri, First-avenue, Eagle Junction, Brisbane, Margaret Boyne, wife of G. C. D. Forster, aged 47 years.

MULLINS.—At his father's residence, Tregolda, 349 Glebe Point-road, Glebe Point, Patrick, dearly loved son of Michael Mullins. R.I.P.

PAYNE.—February 22, at Katoomba, Captain F. Payne, late of Echuca and Bourke, in his 78th year.

PEARCE.—February 23, at the residence of her mother, 84 Buthven-street, Waverley, Eva, the beloved wife of Ernest Pearce, aged 25.

SCULLY.—February 23, at Lofted Lodge, Good-street, Granville, Agnes, relict of the late Bernard Scully, aged 74.

WATT.—February 22, at St. Kilda Private Hospital, Woolloomooloo, Mr. P. Watt, beloved husband of Fanny Watt, of Byron Bay Lighthouse, aged 42.

IN MEMORIAM.

BASKERVILLE.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Baskerville, who departed this life February 24, 1908. Inserted by her loving children, Will and Blanch.

BOATWRIGHT.—In sad and loving memory of Annie M. Boatwright, who departed this life on February 24, 1909; also William Boatwright, who departed this life on February 24, 1910. Inserted by their loving mother Tom and Auntie Annie.

HARRIS.—In loving memory of my dear husband, F. G. Harris, who died February 24, 1904, at Redfern. Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by Harris.

JOHNSON (nee Byrnes).—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Maud Jane Ann Johnson, who departed this life February 24, 1910, aged 20 years. Inserted by Wyndham-street, Alexandria.—also Henry Lawless Byrnes, loving father of the above, who was lost in the wreck of the Clarinda, of Jervis Bay, on April 26, 1870. Inserted by her loving mother, Jane Bowers.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Maud Jane Ann Johnson, who departed this life February 24, 1910, age 20 years. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bower. At rest.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of our only beloved sister, Maud Jane Ann Johnson, who departed this life February 24, 1910, age 20 years. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kellow, Webb-street, Croydon.

KENNEDY.—In loving memory of my wife and our mother, Charlotte, who departed this life February 24, 1910. Not forgotten. Inserted by her loving husband, Edward Kennedy, and son, William Bishop.

KENNEDY.—In loving memory of Charlotte, beloved wife of Edward Kennedy, J.P., who died at Canterbury, February 24, 1910, and mother of W. J. Bishop, of the Tramway Department. Missed most by those who knew her best.

MILLER.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, John C. Miller, who passed away two years to-day. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife, C. Miller, also son and daughter-in-law, Em and Katie, and grandson, Tommy.

MILLER.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of our dear father, Charles John Miller, who departed this life February 24, 1909, at his residence, Napoleon-street, North Botany, in his 81st year.

God saw that his footsteps faltered,
And saw that his heart was weak,
So He bade him rest for a season,
As the pathway had grown too steep.

Inserted by his sorrowing son and daughter-in-law, William and Rose Miller, and loving grandchildren.

OSBORN.—In loving memory of Henry William, late of Orchard-road, Chatswood, age 46 years, who departed this life February 24, 1909.

Your memory is as fresh to-day
As in the hour you passed away.

Inserted by his loving wife and family.

SHEARER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Harriet, who departed this life February 24, 1910. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Harry Kelley, and Lilian Jones (granddaughter). Dead, but not forgotten.

SHEARER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Harriet Shearer, who died February 24, 1910, aged 60 years.

One year has passed; my heart is sore;
As time goes on I miss you more.
I often think of you, dear mother,
When I am all alone,
For memory is the only friend
That grief can call its own.

Inserted by her sorrowing daughter Maggie.

SMITH.—In loving memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Amy Smith, who fell asleep February 24, 1909, aged 17 years and 8 months.

God called her home, it was His will;
But in our hearts she is living still.

TAYLOR.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Helen, who departed this life February 24, 1910. Inserted by her loving husband, William John Taylor.

TAYLOR.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life February 24, 1910. Inserted by her son Mata.

TAYLOR.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life February 24, 1910. Inserted by her loving daughter and sons, Mary (Muriel), Mark, Robert, Albert.

Your pleasant smile, your cheerful face,
I seek in vain to meet;
The lips that spoke so kind to me
Are now forever cold.
All you who have a mother
Love her with the tenderest care,
For when she's gone and gone forever,
You'll miss her everywhere.

TUCK.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our darling mother, who departed this life February 24, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Florrie, Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Delany. Deeply mourned.

The very best that God could send,
A true fond mother and faithful friend;
Forget her, no, we never will,
Though years roll on we love her still.

TUCK.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear mother, Charlotte Rachel Tuck, who departed this life February 24, 1907. As time rolls on we miss her more. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Tuck.

WATSON.—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Watson, who died February 20, 1908; also of our dear mother, Margaret Watson, who died February 24, 1907. Lovingly remembered. Inserted by their loving sons and daughters.

WOOLLEY.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Charlotte Woolley, who departed this life February 24, 1909, at Newtown. Inserted by her loving husband, J. H. Woolley. At rest.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. J. M. GAUL and FAMILY desire to return their sincere THANKS to the Rev. Mr. Chadwick, the officers and members of the Progress Lodge, U.A.L.D., and all relatives and friends, for their Kind sympathy in their late sad bereavement.

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THE ATTITUDE OF LABOUR.

On every side there are wars or rumours of war in the relations between capital and labour, and the latest report is that a Labour Government is considered the best possible target by men employed by the State. The Minister for Works has been singing the praises of day labour, and at Mungindi, where a railway is under construction on this plan, he is being told in so many words that he must pay what the employees think a fair thing, not what his engineers consider reasonable. This stand-and-deliver attitude is likely to be a commonplace in Mr. Griffith's experience. He is wishfu. to show that day labour is more economical, and infinitely more satisfactory, than doing business with contractors, but the rank and file of his party who have to make it successful insist that there is another side to the question. When Labour is in power the State must pay through the nose for all services. When Labour is not in power there may be continued fighting for increased wages, but the law of supply and demand will still operate to save the State from unreasonable levies upon the Treasury. This is, however, beside our immediate argument. What most people want to know is whether there is really to be any end to the bitterness of existing industrial relations. The tocsin of war seems never to cease in the camp of the unions, and as a community we are bound to suffer severely if this love of strife is to continue. Lithgow is at present a storm-centre, though it looks as if sufficient free labour were available to keep a great industry going. But in Melbourne the same fight is in progress, and again the question at issue is whether non-unionists shall be allowed to do work which has been refused by the unionists, except practically on their own terms. We do r need to take sides with or against the manufacturers of agricultural implements in this connection. If, as is threatened, there should be an exodus of plant and capital to England because labour in Australia is practically unemployable, there will probably be an access of the present bitterness, and the situation at Newcastle will be duplicated in Victoria. But why should there be this strife? The times are good, no doubt, and everybody is out to make as much money as possible. Moreover, the cost of living does not fall, and the wives of men drawing increased wages find themselves with just as little left at the week-end as when living was lower and earnings were less. There may be plenty of explanation for unrest; but why in Australia, the land of sunshine, should there be such a passion for reaching results through blows and bitterness instead of by the road of reason and conciliation?

We have to confess that the remarks of one of the Scottish agricultural commissioners upon the relations in Australia of employers and employed must be accepted as covering the substantial truth. Our cablegrams yesterday morning reported Sir John Sinclair as having said that "in his opinion Australia was the saddest country he had ever seen, having regard to the labour problems confronting the Commonwealth." He declared that he "had never heard bitterer expressions used by employees of employers, and vice versa, than in Australia." This is sufficiently severe; and as coming from a cool, dispassionate observer, it is bound to be given due weight in the old land. But we cannot successfully challenge the statements, because everybody who has kept ears and eyes open in the various centres of this continent must admit that the campaign of labour against capital has to be described in terms of actual warfare. Capital in self-defence has been obliged to organise; and forces which should be hand in hand for mutual advantage are practically arrayed in enmity or in sleepless opposition and suspicion. Instead of ever accruing profit and advantage we seem to be witnessing constant friction and endless loss. It may be replied, no doubt, that Great Britain has not much to boast about. Every week we seem to hear of great strikes or lockouts, and last year's story of prosperity in the shipbuilding and engineering trades was seriously discounted by the rest from production caused by disputes which threatened far-reaching dislocation. No doubt plenty of instances of evil things said and done could be quoted in this connection by way of retort to Sir John Sinclair. But the commissioner would probably be the first to admit all this. He made his statement, we must believe, from adequate knowledge of the conditions on both sides of the world. He was not concerned to attack Australia, but to give his impressions; and it is perfectly true that with all our industrial legislation the relations between capital and labour in these lands are disconcerting and disheartening.

What is the cause? What must be the remedy? Taking the latter question first, Sir John Sinclair insists that immigration will settle our difficulties. This is again a true saying. As a people we are getting out of touch with the fundamental facts of life, because in a new land far from the great centres of civilisation we are forfeiting a fine birthright in the liberties won for us by forefathers who fought and bled on a dozen battlefields, or upheld their rights against kings and lords on fields free from bloodshed and the drums and tramplings of armies. Labour, feeling safe in possession of a fine inheritance, where competition is lessening, and opportunities grow more plentiful, is becoming selfish, not to say arrogant; and capital, which, no doubt, has followed the line of least resistance in employing and paying labour in the first instance, gives back bitter words, and stands fast upon the letter of the law. We do not need to take sides or apportion blame. The main thing is that we need a large inflowing population to bring us to our bearings, and to help us to learn anew the lesson that the widest and truest prosperity comes with co-operation and conciliation, and that the more homes there are in a vast continent like this the better for everybody. In discussing the cause of our failures and frictions, therefore, we realise the truth that legislation will never save us from ourselves. Socialism as it is preached, and is to be practised through our Parliaments, only tends to greater selfishness and more bitterness, and our politics under existing conditions are as bad as our industrial relations. The millennium dreamed of by enthusiasts from the Trades Hall will not come by the means so earnestly advocated, nor by the eternal preaching of a jehad against capital. If there is to be peace and continued prosperity we must learn that employers and employees are right and left hand in the body politic, and that their agreement represents the only certain means of assuring success in a new country where pioneering and neighbourliness must go together.

THE RISING TIDE.

In population this is the day of small things, and we have to be thankful for small mercies. An increase of a little less than three per cent. for last year is not much to boast of, but it is much better than what we have been accustomed to, and it constitutes a record for a quarter of a century. We have materially improved both in natural increase and in immigration results. The natural increase was the best known, and has added over 29,000 to our numbers. This is by no means a very high birth-rate, but it is another indication of the prosperous cycle in which we are at present happily situated, and it is made more significant by recent successful reduction in infant mortality. The birth-rate problem has, of course, to be considered in relation to the death-rate, and to many things besides. A higher birth-rate is not in itself necessarily an advantage, but if it can be taken as an indication of increased prosperity then the advantage is undeniable. Fortunately in the present case there is no doubt that this is the explanation. The birth-rate benefits by the generally improved conditions, and in particular it is now benefiting by the progress of closer settlement in recent years. This is an aspect of the land question that deserves to be kept in mind. The best way to ensure a continent held by a native-born population is to promote settlement on small areas by every possible means. Nothing is more certain to give an improved birth-rate: partly because possession and settlement give a sense of security to be gained in no other way, and partly because for the purposes of intensive agriculture or dairying children represent a most important commercial asset. That, of course, is putting the matter on rather low ground, but economics are not a question of sentiment. Similarly improved conditions in the towns are responsible for a considerable increase. There is just one danger to be guarded against, and that is the danger that the increase comes automatically into play to prevent progress. With our immense empty spaces and unused resources this should not be very terrifying; but we must resolutely set our faces against a lowered standard of living; and this applies especially to country districts.

The increase from immigration has several satisfactory features. We seem, in the first place, to be attracting an excellent type of settler, and the immigrants for the most part find their way into the country—just where they are most wanted. All the indications are that the demand for labour of this sort will steadily increase, and we may look forward to a steady stream of immigration, if only it is handled with ordinary prudence. Every satisfied immigrant is, in fact, a lodestone attracting more. So far as the year's experience goes it seems that the new conditions have begun to tell, and that a definite acceleration may be looked forward to. Our gain from the United Kingdom was a good deal more than twice what it was in 1908. Nominated and assisted immigrants are steadily mounting up, and there is little loss of population to other States, though, after all, that is a matter of minor importance. The great thing is to get population into the continent. According to the High Commissioner's report steady progress is likely to be maintained during the present year. At all events, we have made a good beginning. The fact that for January we beat Canada by nearly two to one is, of course, of no special significance, inasmuch as people do not go to Canada in the winter; but our record for the month compares in an astonishingly favourable way with that of New Zealand and South Africa. We must look to it that these favourable symptoms are not allowed to fade away. Everything depends on our being kept well before the public eye, and on our being able to fulfil the promises we make. Just now we are in an exceptionally happy position, and we should strain every nerve to attract population, because the more people come here the more people will come, and soon what we effect by constant effort will be far outdistanced by a process almost automatic.

LORDS AND COMMONS.

The debate in the House of Commons on the Veto Bill has begun with all the excitement that invariably attaches to serious issues in the British Parliament. The cheers and shoutings that accompanied Mr. Asquith's formal laying of the bill upon the table of the House, and the stormy scene that followed Mr. Winston Churchill's refusal to be unduly drawn by Mr. F. E. Smith, witness to preliminaries of that fighting enthusiasm which the contest with the Lords has aroused from its beginning, and will maintain until its end. There can be little doubt that we are now well within sight of that curtailment of the powers of the House of Lords which has become a necessary preliminary to Liberal legislation. Moreover, that curtailment of powers is by no means regarded as the ultimate end in view, for, the Veto Bill now in debate once disposed of as a means of meeting an urgent need, the way is clear for that other need, no less obvious, though not so urgent—the need, that is, of a re-constituted Upper Chamber. There can be no doubt at all of the course of the Veto Bill in the House of Commons. It will be passed by the substantial majority which the Government may surely count upon in respect of the House of Lords.

It is interesting to note the fluctuation in the tone of the two great political parties regarding this question of Upper House reform. It varies from the coldness of compromise to the white heat of defiant antagonism. A few months ago the whole political world sat silently expectant under the secret deliberations of a conference of representative statesmen. Week after week they spent in patient effort to unravel the skein of claim and counter-claim. As all the world now knows, it was unwound almost to its last strand. Between them and the peaceable arrangement of compromise nothing intervened save a single detail. But it was enough to dissolve the conference, to precipitate an election, and to send the opposing parties into a new House full of new vigour of antagonism. Those peaceful days of the conference seem far enough off now. Mr. Asquith's speech of Tuesday last held no hint of olive branch. The fight seems to have taken on a new fierceness of energy, even as between the two predominant parties in the House; while the Nationalists, and the Labour party, with everything to gain and nothing to lose by its being fought to a finish, are not likely to let it languish for lack of instigation. The measure now in debate provides for the direct removal of the Lords' powers of veto in respect of money bills. In respect of other bills, it provides for the restriction of the Lords' veto by means of procedure under which, when a bill passed by the Commons has been rejected three times by the Lords, it may be presented for Royal assent, irrespective of the Upper House. It remains to be seen, of course, what the House of Lords will do when they receive this Veto Bill from the Commons, and what the Government will do in the event of their rejection of it. The creation of 300 Liberal peers would be a drastic step. But it is well within possibility, and meantime the preliminaries of the struggle will go on, in hope of issue before the Coronation.

THE WARATAH INQUIRY.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Waratah appears to have been conducted with all the thoroughness due to the subject and expected of the court. In the circumstances of the case there could be no hope of definiteness in the findings. The ship was mysteriously lost in surroundings that are unknown. All that could be hoped for in the way of light upon a hopeless problem was fair deduction from such evidence as might be available as to probabilities. That evidence has now been weighed, and, faced with a difficult task, the court has done all that could be done. Much of the evidence, it will be seen, has been discarded as of little value. In that connection the statements of passengers on former voyages in respect of the ship's tendency to roll unduly in moderate seas has very properly been discounted as the evidence of people trustworthy enough, but unable, by lack of expert knowledge of navigation, to guide the court. If it was to be influenced to a decision on that point of the ship's instability, a point that involved so much, it had need, obviously, of authoritative opinion. In that regard the estimate of mere landsmen, caught temporarily in the unaccustomed conditions of sea way, would of necessity be of little service. The question of stability, however, was the pivot of the inquiry and if the statements of passengers were but lightly regarded, the correspondence produced, as between the owners and builders, concerning the maiden voyage of the ship, has been made the foundation of inferences unfavourable to both.

There is but little satisfaction, in this conclusion of the matter by authoritative judgment of the Board of Trade, to all those friends and relatives of the lost voyagers, to whose sorrow of bereavement has been added the not less poignant sorrow of suspense. Yet all is known that can be known, and if the dreadful uncertainty of their case is in any way relieved by the court's opinion, that the Waratah was lost during an exceptionally violent gale on July 28, 1909, the inquiry will have had its value. It will remain to the owners and the builders to justify as best they can the presumption of the court, that the ship was tender when she started out upon her maiden voyage; while the further finding, that the reticence of those in control of the ship in the matter of that voyage was contrary to the whole practice of shipowners, will be regarded as containing as much of censure as could be made indirectly. The suggestions of the court, too, have a value that will not be lost sight of. Regulations as to stability requirements in ships of varying type, and rules as to stowage of cargo, would appear, indeed, to be a necessary safeguard in a matter where every safeguard is of use. The fact that no mention is made of wireless telegraphy as a detail of ship equipment now become indispensable, is somewhat surprising, but in any case few shipping companies would care to compete nowadays for ocean-going trade without wireless as one of the claims to custom. The tragedy of the Waratah is one that will not easily be forgotten. The finding of the Board of Trade experts cannot accomplish that mercifulness of oblivion for those to whom the ship's loss meant so much. But at least it may give them the solace that is in patient investigation and reasoned judgment.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Ministerial Inspections.—The Minister for Works has been showing considerable activity lately in the matter of personally investigating proposals for public works in the metropolitan area. During the last fortnight Mr. Griffith, in company with Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A., Colonel Onslow, M.L.A., and the Mayor of Waverley, inspected the proposed tram route from Bondi to Bronte, and from Darley road to Little Coogee. Along with Mr. Carmichael, M.L.A., Mr. Robson, M.L.A., and Mr. Pratten (the Mayor of Ashfield), Mr. Griffith traversed the various proposed tram extensions in the vicinity of Leichhardt and Ashfield. On Friday the Minister, accompanied by Mr. Crawford, M.L.A., the Mayor of St. Peters, and Mr. de Burgh (Chief Engineer for Harbours and Water Supply), visited the swamp areas which it is proposed to resume around Cook's River and Tempe. On Monday Mr. Griffith went over the tram route from Sutherland to Cronulla. On Tuesday, in company with Mr. Latimer, M.L.A., the Minister inspected the proposed resumptions necessary for the correct realignment of Ocean-street, Woollahra; and on Wednesday, along with Messrs. Dacey and Page, M.L.A., and the Mayor of North Botany, Mr. Griffith traversed the proposed lines to connect the Dulwich Hill, Cook's River, La Perouse, and Coogee tram lines, as well as visiting the Botany pier and the site of the Government sand-lime brickworks.

Free Railway Passes.—Members of the Local Government Association, who had business with the Minister for Works yesterday, made a request that country delegates travelling to the annual conference of the association should have free railway passes issued to them. Mr. Grif h was kindness itself. He agreed to gran free return passes and sleeping berths also, and declared that if the Railway Commissioners would not grant the passes he would put money on the Estimates and pay for them. He would also be prepared to grant free railway passes for country delegates to the committee meetings once a month, provided there were no more than half a dozen of them and the proposition was not expanded.

Early Closing of Post Offices.—The decision of the Postmaster-General to close practically the whole of the post and telegraph offices at 6 o'clock from Wednesday next is meeting with bitter opposition from all sections of the community, and protests are being made daily. "A Labourite" writes, complaining of the unfair advantage which is being taken of the vendors of stamps, who, although willing to oblige their customers, will now be compelled, after the post offices have closed for the night, to accommodate the general public for the paltry remuneration of sixpence in the £. "Commercial" says that the refusal of the authorities to accept telegrams after 6 p.m. will paralyse country business, and will inflict great hardships and inconvenience on travellers. The decision of Mr. Thomas, he points out, means that the people will be absolutely cut off from communication with the country districts early in the evening, and the telephone services, where they exist, will not supply the want on account of the chaotic condition of this section of the department. "Commercial" advocates the extension of the hour for receiving telegrams to 10 p.m.

State Control of Charities.—At the annual meeting of the Benevolent Society yesterday, the presidential speech contained a strong denunciation of the proposed State control of hospitals. The president (Mr. Stedman) spoke as follows:—"Let me say, as a member of the board of several of our public hospitals and charities, and with very many years close association with the poor and sick, that any form of control which interfered with the individuality of our great public charities, or touched with officialism the vital spirit of charity which has alone made these great institutions what they are, would be an unspeakable calamity, for however well-meaning Government control may be, the elemental force of benevolence can't be maintained except it is accompanied by continuous self-sacrifice, and I am afraid that any interference by officialism with our great charities, however systematic and well-meaning, would depreciate the spirit of their purpose."

Fares on All-Night Trams.—A deputation, representing the Labour Council of New South Wales, waited on the Chief Commissioner for Railways yesterday, and urged that some consideration in regard to tram fares be extended to night-workers who travel regularly by the "all-night" trams. The present charges pressed rather heavily on these men, especially those in receipt of low wages. It was suggested that monthly tickets, based on the ordinary daily rate, be issued to bonafide night-workers. The Chief Commissioner, in reply, expressed his sympathy with the persons who were employed at night, and promised to give the matter careful consideration.

Carts v Railways.—Replying to a deputation which asked for a tram extension from Baulkham Hills to Dural yesterday, the Minister for Works said that when they told him the present line to Baulkham Hills, which had been specially laid down for the carriage of fruit and other goods for the orchardists, was not used because the freights were too high, the statement constituted a serious indictment of the railway management. The present policy in regard to the existing line stood condemned if it was cheaper for orchardists and farmers to cart their produce eleven miles and more to the railway stations, as they said they did, than to use the tram.

A Lucky Wait.—For a little time yesterday proceedings at the Quarter Sessions were "hung up." The hearing of a case had proceeded as far as the close of the evidence for the Crown when a message was received that one of the jurymen was wanted at home owing to serious illness in the family. As the case under consideration was the only one listed, his Honor had dismissed all the jurymen but those empanelled. The situation, therefore, was not without its difficulties, and after a short conference with counsel his Honor informed the jury that owing to the unfortunate occurrence the only course he could adopt was to discharge them and take fresh evidence. Fortunately, however, one juryman who had not been engaged in the case was in the court. All the others had long since got beyond the precincts of the court. This gentleman, apparently having taken the day off, had decided to hear something of the case. He was, after another consultation, "commandeered" to fill the place of the juryman who had been called home. An arrangement having been arrived at by the parties concerned, the evidence, instead of being freshly taken, was read by the official shorthand writer, and thus the gap was successfully and expeditiously bridged over. Fortunately also the fresh juryman was not challenged.

Different Kinds of Dogs.—Everyone familiar with the working of sheep knows that the dogs employed vary considerably, so far as breed and appearances go. Dogs from the blundering mastiff to the pert terrier are used so long as they possess certain general qualifications. Just as they differ in physique and race, they possess moral characteristics with the same charming variety. One charge, however, that is not laid to the drover's canine friend is drunkenness, and it was of this fact Judge Docker yesterday reminded counsel. Mr. J. W. Abigail had in the course of a strenuous cross-examination sought to prove certain eccentric conduct on the part of a sheepdog, whose owner was alleged to have indulged somewhat too freely at a neighbouring hotel. "Dogs do not drink," commented his Honor rather sharply. "No, but there are bad dogs and sad dogs, your Honor," replied counsel. The jury appeared to appreciate the fact.

Chinese Stowaways.—The Prinz Waldemar yesterday brought to Sydney ten Chinese stowaways, who were discovered secreted amongst the cargo by the Customs officials at Brisbane. They are to be taken back to Hongkong on the return journey of this steamer.

PERSONAL.

The Minister for Works, who had arranged to leave town to-morrow for a tour in the North Coast district, has postponed the engagement for a fortnight. He was advised yesterday that wet roads and rising rivers would probably prevent the motor car from getting through. Mr. Griffith has arranged to go on Monday to Muswellbrook, and go over the route of the proposed line to Merriwa, and on to Cassilis. He will return to town on Thursday.

The Hon. Sigurd Theodor von Goes, who was recently appointed as the Consul for Sweden in Sydney, was welcomed at a representative gathering of Swedes at the A.B.C. Cafe on Wednesday evening. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated in the Swedish national colours, and the chair was occupied by Mr. H. Stenmark, who proposed the toasts of "The King," "The King of Sweden," and "Our Guest." Other toasts were "Sweden," proposed by Mr. G. Kollerstrom; "The Vice-Consul" (Mr. T. B. Dibbs), by Mr. F. Ullberg; "The Swedish Club," by Mr. T. Frodey; "The Land We Live In," by Mr. W. Nelson; and "The Chairman," by Mr. J. Hellberg. Mr. Miller, vice-president of the Trades Hall, also spoke.

Archdeacon Crossley, of All Saints' Church, St. Kilda, Melbourne, stated yesterday that he had resolved to accept the office of Bishop of Auckland. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Bishop Neligan, and the stipend is £1000 per annum. Our Auckland correspondent cabled last evening that Archdeacon Crossley's message to the Synod said:—"I humbly accept your call. May prayers in all churches be made for me, for humility, courage, and grace." The cable, when read at the meeting of synod yesterday afternoon, provoked loud applause, all present afterwards singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

The Melbourne office of Messrs. Dalgety and Company, Ltd., has received cable advice of the death in London on 20th instant of William Wilton Phipps, the deputy chairman of the company. Mr. Phipps, with Edmund T. Dorat (the chairman), joined Messrs. Dalgety and Company, Ltd., at the formation of the company in 1884, and became deputy-chairman in 1903.

Amateurs of music will rejoice to learn of the complete and unusually rapid recovery of M. Henri Staell from his recent serious operation by Dr. M'Kay at the Lewisham Private Hospital, where he has been a patient after septic appendicitis only since January 21. The popular Hungarian violinist will now stay at Medlow for a fortnight, as the guest of Mr. T. H. Kelly.

Mr. Nathan Jacobs, who will leave Sydney by the C.M.S. Barbarossa on a seven months' trip to England, America, the Continent, and Russia, was entertained by many of his business friends at the Hotel Australia on Wednesday. Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., who presided, proposed the health of Mr. Jacobs, and among those who spoke were Mr. W. Lowe, Mr. Leo Moss, Mr. N. Solomons, and Mr. T. H. Wilkinson.

ADMIRAL'S DEPARTURE.

HOISTING THE NEW FLAG.

Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Poore left Sydney by the R.M.S. Macedonia yesterday morning at 10.30. Half an hour previously a salute of 17 guns was fired from H.M.S. Encounter to honour the flag of the new commander on the Australian station, Vice-Admiral G. H. King-Hall, and the Flagship returned a salute of seven guns.

As the Macedonia slowly steamed out of the harbour the warships at present at anchor—H.M.S. Powerful, H.M.S. Pegasus, H.M.S. Sealark, and H.M.S. Encounter—were manned, and the departing admiral cheered as the mailboat passed, while the bands on the vessels played "Auld Lang Syne," "Home, Sweet Home," and other tunes. Among those at the steamer to bid farewell to Sir Richard Poore were Vice-Admiral King Hall and his staff, Captain Colomb, of H.M.S. Encounter, Commander Howe, of H.M.S. Pegasus, Commander Rolleston, of Garden Island, and Lieutenant Gilbert (who is to journey back to England by way of Canada).

The vice-admirals being of similar rank, the new flag which was hoisted on H.M.S. Powerful's foretop was identical in design with that which had been hauled down—a white square with red cross and a red ball in the upper inner corner. The new Admiral's flag was run up to the truck in "stops" a few minutes before 10 a.m. As the "four bells" struck,

THE WARATAH.

RESULT OF THE INQUIRY.

"CAPSISED IN A GALE."

SOME POINTED COMMENTS.

LONDON, Feb. 22

Mr. John Dickinson, metropolitan magistrate, who—with Admiral Davis and Commander Lyon, R.N.R., and Professor Welsh, as nautical assessors—conducted the Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Waratah, announced the decision to-day.

The Court found that the Waratah had been properly equipped and manned, that the cargo had been properly stowed, that the vessel had sufficient stability, and was seaworthy.

The vessel had been lost in a storm; she had probably capsised, but the chain of circumstances attending the disaster remains undetermined.

The Court was unable to understand the maintenance of silence concerning the stability and behaviour at sea of the Waratah on her maiden voyage, which almost compelled an inference unfavourable to the owners.

EXPLOSION THEORY DISMISSED.

Feb. 23.

In announcing the decision in the Waratah inquiry, Mr. Dickinson said that the only evidence the Court had before it was indirect and conflicting; but owing to the absence of wreckage the Court was of opinion that the Waratah capsised during a gale of exceptional violence, it being the first great storm she had encountered.

The Court dismissed the theory that the loss of the vessel was due to an explosion in the bunker coal.

The Waratah, it was held, was properly supplied with boats and life-saving appliances, and the crew was considerably in excess of Board of Trade requirements, though an early opportunity might be taken to consider whether those requirements were sufficient in the case of large passenger ships.

The Court suggested that a committee of experts should be appointed to decide the minimum stability requirements of different types of vessels, including stability curves. Rules for the stowage of cargo should be framed by builders as a guidance to shipowners.

"CONTRARY TO ALL PRACTICE."

Discussing Mr. F. Lund's assurance that Captain Ilbery had made no report in regard to the maiden voyage of the Waratah, the Court was unable to understand Captain Ilbery's silence concerning the stability of the vessel. It was contrary to the whole practice of shipowners and shipmasters to treat this matter with the indifference with which Mr. Lund and Captain Ilbery had treated it.

The inference unfavourable to the owners was greatly strengthened by their correspondence with the builders. Apparently difficulty arose during the initial loading of the vessel, and the presumption was that the Waratah was tender when she started on her maiden voyage.

The Court considered that neither Mr. F. Lund's account, nor that of Mr. Noel Peck (a director of Messrs. Barclay and Curle, the builders of the Waratah), in regard to the interview of April 23 was complete, and added: "We can only leave the matter there."

The Court sharply commented upon Mr. Lund's use of the word "bluff" regarding his letters to the builders.

THE QUESTION OF TENDERNESS.

The evidence showed that the difficulty in regard to the tenderness of the Waratah was not surmounted on the outward and homeward voyages; but the Court pointed out that tenderness in the upright did not necessarily involve instability at large angle of heel.

An explanation of a large amount of the adverse comment on the Waratah lay in the undoubted tenderness of the vessel during the first voyage, and while she was loading. When in such a condition quite observable lists could be produced by moderate wind-pressures, relatively small alterations in the water ballast, the consumption of fresh water, and the non-symetrical working-out of the coal.

The Court regarded the contradictory statements concerning the rolling of the Waratah as the fairly accurate evidence of truthful people about phenomena which they did not understand.

The Court discredited the theory that bodies were seen from the Tottenham off the coast of South Africa about ten days after the Waratah had sailed from Durban.

When he was in the witness-box, Mr. F. W. Lund one of the owners of the Waratah, was questioned as to letters written by his firm to Messrs. Barclay, Curle, and Company, the builders, stating that the Waratah was not so stable as the Geelong, and that the builders would be held responsible for anything that might happen if she was moved light in dock. Witness stated that in the interview which he had with Mr. Peck, representing the builders, he assured him that she had been moved in dock in Glasgow perfectly light and without any ballast, and that it would be quite safe to do so in London. They also discussed the life of the ship, the question of her water ballast and coal supply, and Captain Ilbery's statement that in light trim the Geelong was a stiffer ship than the Waratah. He might have said that Captain Ilbery had convinced him on this point, but Mr. Peck satisfied him that Captain Ilbery was wrong, and that the Waratah in a light condition was a stabler ship than the Geelong. He accepted that statement, as it was never a matter of serious complaint, on the part of Captain Ilbery. He could not recollect whether the question of demurrage, on the ground of which they were making a claim against the builders, was mentioned at the interview, and the question of the stability of the Waratah never was referred to afterwards in any communication with the builders. In course of his evidence, Mr. Peck stated that while he could not recall whether Mr. Lund made any statement as to the behaviour of the Waratah on her first voyage, he was confident that Mr. Lund had not made any complaint on that score. In regard to the reference to "bluff" in the cable, Mr. Lund was asked, "Did you ever write to the builders suggesting that the fact of the Waratah not having as much stability as the Geelong might be a good ground for your getting back part of the purchase money, or getting some compensation from the builders?" He replied, "No." "Then all the letters that you had written previously referring to the stability of the Waratah and the risk of moving her light in dock were merely bluff?" Mr. Lund's reply was, "They were not serious letters."

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 22

The malleable ironworkers in Scotland have established a pooling scheme.

LONDON, Feb 23.

Lord Wolverhampton's condition is reported to be critical.

The King will review the fleet off Spithead on June 24.

Eleven cases of smallpox have been reported from the Mile End district, London.

At least 70 foreign army officers and three Canadians will compete at the Horse Show, which opens at Olympia on June 16.

Mr. W. Lever, chairman of Lever Bros., Ltd., has given £10,000 to the Congregational Ministers' Fund, and Colonel W. Pilkington has given £5000.

BRITISH POLITICS.

THE VETO BILL.

FIRST READING AGREED TO.

A JUBILANT DEMONSTRATION.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

In the House of Commons last night the first reading of the Parliament Bill was agreed to by 351 votes to 227.

On the result of the division being announced the Ministerialists were jubilant. They stood up in their places and waved their hats and order papers, and the cheering which greeted Mr. Asquith as he carried the bill from the bar of the House to the table was maintained for several minutes. The Nationalists in the meantime cried "Down with the Lords."

THE DEBATE.

During the debate Mr. F. E. Smith (Unionist) commented upon the Government's surprising levity in attempting to dispose of the bill before the Coronation. There was an English majority against the bill, and this would support the Opposition in any resistance it made, however desperate. (Cheers and counter cheers.)

Mr. G. Wyndham (Unionist) suggested that the Government might discuss the proposals at a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said that the humiliation of Liberal bills flung back in Minister's faces would never be forgotten. If the Government accepted an invitation to another conference it would not have 50 supporters.

Continuing, he said that the referendum, which was vicious in itself, was specially unsuited to Britain. It would lead to Jacobinism, socialism, and anarchy. A measure creating a fair, well-constituted second Chamber would be introduced.

Mr. F. Smith: When?

Mr. Churchill made no reply to the interjection, and there was a prolonged demonstration on both sides of the House.

Mr. Churchill concluded by saying: "The Opposition's policy, while wrecking every other institution, seeks to preserve the House of Lords' sinister and ugly veto."

A UNIONIST AMENDMENT.

REFORM BILL WELCOMED.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain has given notice of an amendment stating that the House of Commons would welcome a bill reforming the composition of the House of Lords while maintaining its independence, but declines to proceed with a measure placing all effective legislative authority upon a single chamber without safeguard in regard to grave changes contrary to the people's will.

UPPER HOUSE BILL ANNOUNCED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

In the House of Lords to-day Lord Lansdowne announced the early introduction of a bill to amend the constitution of the House of Lords.

THE GEORGES OF THE EMPIRE.

PROPOSED GIFT TO THE KING.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Sir George Reid, Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, and Earl Grey are issuing an appeal to the Georges of the Empire to subscribe to a present to King George, the contributions to range from a penny to five pounds.

Organisations to further the project are being formed in the counties. The appeal includes the Georges of the overseas Dominions.

SIR GEORGE REID.

ENTERTAINED IN LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, Feb. 22

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool entertained Sir George Reid, High Commissioner for Australia, and in proposing the health of the guest referred to the desirableness of closer relations with Australia.

Sir George Reid in reply said that Australia would certainly welcome them as long as her independent rights of self government were preserved.

COSSACK OUTRAGES.

BURNING A PERSIAN VILLAGE.

RUSSIAN MINISTER APOLOGISES.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Teheran correspondent of the Times" states that the Russian garrison at Ardebil, forestalling the Persian Governor's efforts to punish the brigandage of the Shahsevans, burnt the village of Veramun.

The Cossacks killed men and women with daggers, and outraged a number of women.

Although the brigands were absent from the village 50 innocent people were killed.

The Russian Minister has apologised to Persia in connection with the incident.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE NEW TREATY.

OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

Strong opposition is developing against the new Japanese treaty.

It has been debated hotly in the Senate, and consequently the treaty was not signed to-day as expected.

The removal of the immigration restrictions was strongly opposed by the Western senators.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.

MINISTERIAL CHANGE.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 22.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leuchars, formerly Minister of Native Affairs and Public Works in Natal, has succeeded Sir F. R. Moor as Minister of Commerce and Industries in the Cabinet of the South African Union.

DECLARATION OF LONDON.

FOOD AND CONTRABAND.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, in the course of a written reply to a question on the Declaration of London, stated that there hitherto has been no general agreement preventing any Power declaring all food contraband when it suited its own interest.

RECIPROCITY.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

CANADIAN LOYALTY.

AFFIRMED BY PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.

The Canadian House of Commons has formally declared its loyalty to Britain.

The French Nationalist group tabled a motion to the effect that the House, wishing to dispel the unrest caused by the talk of annexation following upon the reciprocity agreement with the United States, emphatically asserts its determination to preserve intact the bonds uniting Canada to the Empire.

The Prime Minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was surprised when the motion was moved, but he accepted an amendment declaring the loyalty of the House, which was agreed to unanimously.

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Borden, said that he believed the United States Congress would not accept the reciprocity proposals on economic, but on political, grounds.

Mr. Monk, the leader of the Nationalists, charged Mr. R. Lemieux, the Postmaster-General, and Mr. L. P. Brodeur, Minister for the Navy and Marine, with disloyalty.

Sir F. W. Borden, Minister for Militia and Defence, on behalf of both the Ministers mentioned, warmly denied the charge.

BOARDS OF TRADE PROTEST.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.

The Manitoba and Ontario Boards of Trade have passed resolutions in opposition to the reciprocity agreement with the United States.

AN AUSTRIAN VIEW.

VIENNA, Feb. 22.

"Fremdenblatt" says that the tariff reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States will be the death knell of free trade as soon as England realises that the action of Canada will be probably followed by other dominions.

POLICE AND SUFFRAGISTS.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

WOMEN INDECENTLY HANDLED.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Women's Parliamentary Suffrage Committee has asked Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, to grant a public inquiry into the conduct of the police in connection with the suffragist demonstrations from the 18th till the 23rd of November last.

It is alleged that the police interpreted the order that no arrests were to be made as a license for them to do as they pleased.

Onlookers state that women were struck with fists, had their arms twisted, and their thumbs bent backwards; while others had their breasts crushed, and their skirts raised, or were subjected to other indecencies.

POLITICAL LIBEL ACTIONS.

RESULT OF APPEALS.

LONDON, Feb. 22

The Court of Appeal has over-ruled Mr. Justice Darling's decision that each party in the action brought by Mr. P. S. Simmons against "Liberal Opinion" pay their own costs, and has ordered Mr. Dunn, the defendant's solicitor, to pay the plaintiff's costs less the sum of £150.

The appeal of the proprietors of the "Daily Chronicle" against the verdict of £5000 damages awarded Mr. P. C. Simmons for libel contained in an article published in the paper in January of last year has been settled privately. The terms of the settlement have not been divulged.

Mr. Simmons was the Unionist candidate for St. George's Division of Tower Hamlets at the general elections in January last year, and was defeated by Mr. W. W. Benn (Liberal).

GREATER BRITAIN EXHIBITION.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia have good displays of products at the Greater Britain Exhibition in Chester.

Feb. 23.

Dr. J. M'Call, Agent-General for Tasmania, formally opened the Exhibition at Chester to-day.

THE YILGARN FIELD.

"TIMES" CORRESPONDENT'S VIEW.

A PESSIMISTIC REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Mr. Gerald Williams, in a long article in the "Times," is somewhat pessimistic in regard to the Bullfinch district, Western Australia, though not so regarding the main portion of the Yilgarn field.

He advises investors to accept highly-coloured reports with the utmost caution; but he says there are low-grade propositions which are capable of remunerative returns.

THE BARONESS VAUGHAN.

ACTION FOR DIVORCE.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Paris representative of the Central News Agency says that the Baroness Vaughan, the morganatic wife of the late King Leopold of Belgium, has filed a petition in divorce against her husband, M. Durrieux.

THE HOUNDSDITCH MURDERS.

MILSTEIN DISCHARGED.

LONDON, Feb. 22

In connection with the murder of three constables at Houndsditch the prosecution against the woman Milstein has been abandoned and she has been discharged.

The girl Luba Milstein, who has been discharged, is a skirt-finisher. She is 19 years of age, and a Russian. She lived in Grove-street with Fritz, one of the other accused, for some time, but all along it has appeared that she was largely unacquainted with the criminal doings of Fritz or the rest of the gang, and that at any rate she was in no way implicated in the murders.

MURDER IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 22.

Srish Chakravarty, a constable, who was connected with an inquiry into a political crime, was shot dead in a dark lane.

The murderer escaped.

IMPERIAL RELATIONS.

MOTHERLAND AND DOMINIONS.

CLOSER ASSOCIATION NEEDED.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The "Times" states that a movement is on foot in the House of Commons, and it is hoped it will not be confined to any single party, to take practical steps to associate the Dominions and the motherland in a more permanent manner in connection with the conduct of Imperial affairs, possibly by means of an advisory council in touch with Imperial public opinion.

Many members of the House, the paper adds, feel that New Zealand's action in bringing the subject forward at the Imperial Conference ought to be supported.

THE CORONATION.

NATIONALIST ATTITUDE.

"THE HEIGHT OF DISLOYALTY."

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" states that the action of Nationalist members of the House of Commons refraining from participation in the Coronation celebrations to avoid recognition of the Sovereign on political grounds is the height of disloyalty.

AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATION.

VIENNA, Feb. 22.

The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the Heir-presumptive, will attend the Coronation as representative of the Emperor of Austria.

THE CLAPHAM MURDER.

CROWN WITNESS ASSAULTED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Three men have been remanded at the Lambeth Police Court on a charge of grievously assaulting a man named Stevens, the cabman who drove to Clapham Common Steiner Morrison, who is charged with the murder of Leon Beron, on the Common, on New Year's Day.

Stevens is alleged to have been molested after being questioned regarding the evidence he gave at the police court.

FIGHT FOR NORTH SYDNEY.

LIBERAL CAMPAIGN.

SPEECH BY COLONEL RYRIE.

At the Friendly Societies' Hall, North Sydney, last night, Colonel Ryrie, the selected Liberal candidate, opened his campaign. The attendance was large, and the meeting, which was enthusiastic throughout, was presided over by the Mayor of North Sydney (Alderman A. G. Milson). On the platform were Messrs. J. Cook, M.P., J. Miller, M.L.A., C. A. Walker, J. Blakeman, A. Eaton, Claude Fleming, and many prominent residents.

Colonel Ryrie, who met with an enthusiastic reception, prefaced his remarks by saying that now the selection had been made he hoped all differences that had previously existed would be sunk in the interests of the great Liberal party. He trusted the Liberals would do their duty and see that the seat was retained for the party. Referring to his previous career, the candidate said that for years he had been connected with the military forces, and was at the present time in command of the Third Australian Light Horse Regiment. He joined as a private, and within 11 years had assumed command—a record in military promotion—and claimed a knowledge and experience of military matters that he believed it was his duty to place at the disposal of his country. That was the reason he left State politics and entered the new sphere of Federal politics. He hoped that now he had been selected as his candidature would be acceptable to the electors of North Sydney. The result of the contest would be watched with the keenest interest by the millions of people in Australia, and he hoped electors on March 11 would sound a note that would vibrate throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth.

Was it going to be one of the coming disasters to the Liberal cause, as had been prophesied, or was it to be a great victory. He hoped, or was it to be a solid Liberal vote behind trusted that with a solid Liberal vote behind him he would be returned, and that the result would be an index of the feeling of the people of the Commonwealth, and go towards defeating some of the questions that would be put before the electors on April 26.

One of the most important matters the Liberals had to face was the referendum proposals. They must be seized with the fact that they had an important duty to perform on April 26. Ten years ago the ablest men in Australia met in many conventions to endeavour to arrive at an arrangement under which the States might federate. At length it was considered that a suitable deed of partnership had been drawn up. For some time the people of New South Wales hung back, because of the proposal for equal representation in the Senate, by which New South Wales had one vote instead of nine, in comparison with the population of Tasmania. They never dreamt there would come a time when any party or section would attempt to tear up the deed of partnership into shreds and say that power was demanded to do as the Labour party deemed fit. On April 26 they would be asked to allow the Constitution to be torn in shreds and put in the waste-paper basket. The referendum was put before the people as a simple amendment to remedy grievances, and in such a form as to make it difficult for electors to know to what they were agreeing. Mr. Hughes admitted that no attempt had been made to define things, and that the Labour party wanted was to get a complete control without check or curb. It wanted to do away with the safety valve of the High Court, and leave itself untrammelled and unchecked. The Government asked for power over all trade and commerce, but they did not define what was meant by that. He defied anyone to define it. (Applause.) The grazing, farming, and wool industries were illustrations of the difficulties of definition. What the Government wanted was a complete control over all the industries throughout Australia. Power was also sought to control all industrial matters—a very serious power indeed. He pointed to what was happening at the present time in the State Parliament, and said that the Government was being removed from Macquarie-street to the Trades Hall. (Applause.) God help Australia if it stayed there. A number of gentlemen from the various Labour leagues had been appointed an executive as one of the results of the late Labour conference. The conference was an irresponsible mob, without any mandate from the people—composed of men holding the most rabid ideas, of the greatest fire-brands possible, members of the rabbiting, shearers, and rouseabouts' unions. Were the people going to be ruled by them absolutely? Certainly not. (Applause.)

Electors should do their utmost now and on April 26 at North Sydney, and show unmistakably that Liberals were determined to assert their might and right. They could easily do it if they threw aside their apathy on March 11. They could show that Liberalism was in the ascendancy, and that the great Liberal body was alive to the danger which confronted them. He looked forward to a splendid majority on March 11.

Mr. Joseph Cook also spoke, and directed the attention of the electors to some of the things affecting the Federal Parliament. He read extracts from the published speeches of the Labour candidate, in which credit was taken by the Labour party for the scheme of defence at present in force. He reminded electors that the scheme was not that of the Labour Government, but of the Government that preceded it.

A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried by a large majority.

ROBBERY OF £400.

RYLSTONE, Thursday.

The sum of £400 was stolen from Mr. David Riche's house yesterday. The theft is supposed to have been perpetrated by some tramps.

BURNED TO DEATH.

PERTH, Thursday.

David Cullen was burned to death in his camp at Lancefield on Monday night. Cullen made a desperate attempt to get through the heaviest wall of his camp, but was evidently overcome by smoke.

PONAPE REBELLION.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION'S WORK.

281 PRISONERS AWAITING TRIAL.

The native rebellion at Ponape, which had its beginning in November last, has received a blow which, together with the running out of ammunition supplies, is likely to cause its collapse shortly, although when the N.D.L. steamer Prinz Waldemar left the natives were still fighting.

The struggle, so far, has resulted in the death of a German naval officer, a petty officer, and five New Guinea native police "boys," while one naval officer has been wounded. The punitive parties took altogether 281 prisoners, who were awaiting trial when the steamer left. These are believed to have been the ring-leaders in the revolt.

It will be remembered that on October 18, after a gallant struggle against tremendous odds, the lives of Mr. Boder, district magistrate; Mr. Holiborn, office assistant; Mr. Branckmann, secretary; and Mr. Haffner, road-making expert, were taken by the natives. The trouble was caused by one of the natives working on a road in the district of Fermoy becoming insubordinate. He was reported by Mr. Hollborn and punished by Mr. Boder. This incensed the natives, who refused to go on with their work, and assumed such a menacing attitude that Mr. Hollborn and Mr. Haffner were forced to seek protection at the station of the Roman Catholic Mission. News of the occurrence reached the colony on the afternoon of October 18. Messrs. Boder and Branckmann, with two native servants, thereupon started for Fermoy in a boat pulled by five natives. Notwithstanding warnings of the dangerous temper of the natives, Mr. Boder and his secretary approached them at a place called Fanepi, when Mr. Boder was at once shot at, receiving a bullet in the abdomen. He fell, and was killed outright with a bullet through his head. Mr. Branckmann endeavoured to get back to the boat, but was fired at as he ran. He managed to reach the water, when the natives ran in after him, and murdered him with a knife. Two native servants escaped into the bush. Meanwhile Hollborn and Haffner made a dash for the boat, and were at once assailed by the crowd of natives, who attacked them savagely. The white men defended themselves gallantly against the attack of a horde of natives, Hollborn using his revolver effectively, but he fell a victim to the knife of a native. Haffner was shot before he could reach the boat. The native crew of five fared no better, all five being shot or stabbed.

The steamer Germania (supposed to be missing at the time) relieved the anxious settlement from its suspense. Later on the cruisers Planet, Commoran, Emden, and Nurnberg appeared on the scene, a smaller expedition having been found to be of no avail. The rebels had put up strong fortifications on a rugged mountain, and it became necessary to shell them out of their stronghold. The result has been the capture of the ring-leaders.

CYCLONIC DISTURBANCE.

STRIKES BARQUE GLADYS.

SEAMAN WASHED OVERBOARD.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The barque Gladys, which arrived from Sharston last evening, had a most sensational experience. Whilst running the easting down on February 8, when the Gladys was in 51.43deg. E. and 39.51 S, a little this side of St. Paul island, a gale from the NE caused all but the topsails and a few staysails to be made fast. During the forenoon the Gladys was under reduced canvas. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the gale broke, the wind moving more to the northwards. At the time there was not a very heavy sea running, and comparatively little water found its way over the sides.

At 4 o'clock a huge conchie sea mounted up on the port side, and without the slightest warning swept clean over the deck, carrying with it two lifeboats as well as the boat deck and a number of deck fittings, such as casks and fowl coops. The sea made scarcely any noise, and what is more remarkable still, very little water was to be seen on the deck immediately afterwards. The boats were literally split to boxwood, and the boat deck was torn from its supports in a second. Iron stanchions and great heavy steel davits, over four inches thick, were bent as one might bend a twig. As soon as the sea had passed the captain called out if everybody was all right. Both mate and second mate looked over the side amongst the wreckage, but they saw no one. Captain Grey immediately hove the vessel to, and it was not until half an hour that it was discovered that George L. Mann, one of the able seamen, was missing. Search was made, but no trace of him could be found. It is supposed that Mann, seeing the great wave rise suddenly, rushed towards the steps leading to the boat deck, and was instantly crushed to death by a wave and carried over the side with the wreckage.

"Never in all my long seafaring career have I experienced anything of its nature before," said one of the officers last night. "Without the slightest warning a great come of water rose up and swept clean over the vessel. You can judge for yourself what the force of that wave could have been," pointing to the twisted davits and stanchions. There was only one wave, and after it passed there was a comparatively moderate sea. It was probably the tail end of some cyclonic disturbance. Cyclones usually travel in a west-south-west direction towards Mauritius, from 10 degrees and 90 degrees east, and then double back in an east-south-east direction to about 30 degrees south. This was about our position at the time, and during the course of a single watch the wind went right round the compass."

SCHOONER ASHORE.

ALL HANDS RESCUED.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

The schooner Australia, owned by Allan Taylor, while attempting to cross the Macleay bar yesterday, ran ashore on a sandbank at the rear of the north breakwater. There was a moderate sea on at the time. The captain and men on board were rescued by the pilot and crew. This morning the vessel is full of water, and likely to become a wreck. Unfortunately there is no tugboat stationed at Macleay Heads. The Nambucca tug is supposed to serve both rivers. The Australia went ashore at Scott's Head some month or two ago.

The Sydney Marine Underwriters and Salvage Association received a telegram stating that there were little hopes of salvage. The Australia is a wooden schooner of 92 tons register, built at Brisbane Water in 1887. She is owned by Messrs. Allen Taylor and Co. Her dimensions are:—Length, 101ft 9in; beam, 27ft 8in; and depth, 5ft 8in.

AERIAL FLIGHTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Another successful flight was made this morning by Mr. J. J. Hart and in a biplane. Accompanied by a mechanician he flew from Altona Bay to the city, circled round Government House, and returned to Altona. The flight occupied 28 minutes, and the speed attained was between 35 and 45 miles an hour. He reached an altitude of between 5000 and 6000 feet. Earlier in the morning Mrs. Hammond accompanied her husband on a flight. They were in the air 12½ minutes, and reached a height of about three thousand feet. Mrs. Hammond said she enjoyed the flight immensely.

TRAM OWNERSHIP.

COMMONWEALTH WILL PAY SPOT CASH.

The Minister for Works gave a partially favourable reply to two deputations from the beautiful district extending from Baulkham Hills to Dural and Kellyville respecting their requests for tram extensions. He promised to have trial surveys made and to visit the districts. He asked Senator Rae if he could assure him that if he granted the tramways the Federal Government would not take them over.

Senator Rae: I'll guarantee that if they do they'll give you spot cash for them.

Mr. Griffith said the residents should at once get together and arrange for landowners to give the necessary land for a deviation, via Westmead, to the Government. The Government was not going to buy the land.

A member: Will the Government be prepared to resume the land and let the growers pay for it?

Mr. Griffith: Yes.

MORE COERCION.

P.L.L. PUTS ON THE SCREW.

SILENCE OF STATE MINISTERS.

INTERESTING SITUATION.

The executive of the P.L.L. has followed up its mandate to the Labour members of the State Parliament with other documents, which cannot fail to show that the conference intends to hold them entirely in check should they choose to overstep the bounds prescribed, and neglect to advise electors to vote "Yes" on the referendum proposals.

The latest communication issued from the Political Labour League office is more in the nature of a command than a request. It demands the attention of all members.

The text of the letter is as follows:—

Political Labour League Executive of New South Wales.
Trades Hall, Goulburn-street,
Sydney, February 23, 1911.

"To the New South Wales Parliamentary Representatives of Labour in—

"The Australian Senate,
"House of Representatives,
"N.S.W. Legislative Council,
"N.S.W. Legislative Assembly.

"Gentlemen:—I am directed by my executive to notify you that a meeting of all the New South Wales Labour representatives in the Federal and State Houses of Parliament has been convened to meet in the Trades Hall, Sydney, on Friday, March 3, 1911, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of conferring with the referendum committee as to the best means of prosecuting the campaign in support of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

"As this is a matter of the greatest importance to the wage-earners of Australia, a full attendance is requested.

"Yours faithfully,
"J. Grant, General Secretary
P.L.L., N.S.W."

To make assurance doubly sure, the executive of the P.L.L. has also got into communication with all the branches of the league and secretaries of trades unions throughout the State. In one of the circulars which have been issued the Attorney-General (Mr. W. M. Hughes) is announced to give an address in favour of the referendum in the Sydney Town Hall on Thursday, March 2. A second circular reads as follows:—

"For Australia.

"Political Labour League of N.S.W., Trades Hall, Sydney, February 24, 1911.

The Referendum.

"To the Secretaries P.L.L. Branches, Ladies, and Gentlemen.

"I am directed to intimate to you that a large number of Parliamentary speakers have offered their services to speak in support of the referendum, and to ask if your branch would like a speaker to visit them. We pay the speaker's personal expenses, but halls and advertising must be provided by the local leagues. Should you desire a speaker, please give approximate date. It will aid in the work of the campaign committee if you also supply me with dates of any meetings arranged in your electorate.

"Yours faithfully, J. Grant, general secretary P.L.L. N.S.W."

Ministers decline to make any statement in reference to the circular issued by the P.L.L. executive, commandeering their services for the referendum campaign, but there is a decided feeling in political circles that the position of the Government is seriously prejudiced in the eyes of the people by recent events. Ministers were castigated on several occasions during the recent conference, and meekly bent their backs to the rod of discipline. They promised obedience to the will of their masters. Now they are further humiliated by a circular which places them before the public in an even worse light, and as men who are lacking in their appreciation of Ministerial responsibility and of duty to the people as a whole. The silence they maintain may be interpreted as resentment of the coercive methods to which they are being subjected. Among the rank and file of the party in Parliament the opinion is held and expressed that the peculiar methods of the P.L.L. are sowing the seeds of a division, which will either lead to the disintegration of the party or to its reconstruction on a basis which will secure reasonable freedom of action to its representatives in Parliament. It will be interesting to see whether the submissiveness of Ministers will be carried to the point of advocating acceptance of the referendum proposals, against their known convictions.

"COME TO HEEL."

COLONEL RYRIE'S COMMENTS.

HUMILIATING AND DISGRACEFUL.

Colonel Ryrie, speaking in furtherance of his candidature for the North Sydney seat, last night, referred to the circular which, he said, had been sent to every member of the State Labour party. He read the document, and asked if that was the way men should be spoken to. If so, they were not men at all. (Applause.) He gave some of the men of the party credit for being above accepting such treatment, for declining to sit down dumbly and obey the call to "come to heel" at the dictation of the men of the conference. It was absolutely disgraceful that men elected by the people should be so addressed, and more disgraceful if they submitted. To say the least of it, it was humiliating. He could not believe that such men as Mr. M'Gowen, Mr. Holman, and Mr. Nielsen would submit quietly to such treatment, and if they were men at all they would kick over the traces. (Applause.) Just fancy Mr. Holman, who was so opposed to the Commonwealth flicking away State rights, being told to "come to heel" and speak in favour of what he was conscientiously opposed to. But he and other independent thinking men of the party were reminded that the Labour party had made them; not they the party. It would be found that they would do as they were told.

A voice: That is majority rule.

No. That was the rule of a small minority of unionists. (Applause.) If the Government was going to submit to the rule of the small minority it was most disgraceful.

"CAN HORDERN BOWL?"

CLEM HILL ENTHUSIASTIC.

"AUSTRALIA HAS A FIND."

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Mr. Clem Hill, in the course of an interview to-day, was asked the question of the moment: "Can Hordern bowl?"

He answered that question in a second. "He might bowl anybody. He is just as likely to bowl the best batsman of the day as anyone, and at last Australia has a 'find.' Hordern is just what we wanted—a star bowler—and I have no fear regarding the results of future test matches while he keeps his form. To tell you the truth, at the beginning of the season, after seeing some of the South Africans bat, I was half afraid of our bowling. Whitty is a class bowler, so is Cotter, and so is Armstrong. But three cannot be relied upon to always get out a test match side unless there is another star man to put on occasionally. A sound side might make any number of runs. That is exactly what happened until Hordern came along. If an English team had come out headed by the crack batsman of the day in the Old Country they would have made no end of runs against us. But now we have Hordern."

"Well, I suppose you would like to be in England next year?"

"Yes," said Clem Hill, "with Hordern in form, and backed up by Whitty, Cotter, Armstrong, and Kelleway, I think we would keep the ashes all right."

Is Hordern a true googly bowler?—"Yes, one of the best," replied the Australian captain, "and, as everything is simply a matter of opinion, I think he is the best—better than any of the South Africans. There is no telling which way his wrong 'un is coming. At least, I have that idea, and I think Carter has as well, for although the New South Wales wicket-keeper—and he is as good as ever—has kept wickets against him in four matches, he seems as much puzzled as anyone to know where the ball is going. Hordern is just what we wanted. Whitty is improving every game, and must be regarded as one of the world's best bowlers. The chances are that Kelleway would be a useful bowler in England."

"If you had won the toss, what would you have done?"

"Put the South Africans in, by all means. As the wicket was at that time there was the possibility of getting any side out for 70 or 80, and with the chance of the pitch always getting better, as it was on the last day it was better then than at any other time."

"And if you were playing England next Friday for the ashes two for all, for instance?"

"With our present side we should win," was the reply.

MISSING EXPLORERS.

ANXIETY INCREASING.

IMPERIAL AUTHORITIES INQUIRE.

No further news was received yesterday in Sydney from Papua regarding the fate of the missing explorers. Anxiety is consequently increasing.

Thursday Island is the nearest point from which a telegram could be sent. Daru is 128 miles distant. It is assumed that immediately upon information being available it will be despatched in a vessel to Thursday Island for transmission to the Federal Government.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Imperial inquiries have been received by the Department of External Affairs from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Harcourt), and from the High Commissioner (Sir George Reid), concerning the missing officers in Papua. In reply a cable message has been sent to the High Commissioner for the information of himself and the Colonial Office, stating that three officers, Mr. Staniforth Smith, Mr. L. L. Bell, and Mr. A. E. Pratt were overdue in returning from the interior, and that their continued absence is causing anxiety. The message included a brief account of what was being done, and added that while there were rumours of massacre no definite information was available.

PRISONER'S CONFESSION.

CIVIC OFFICER'S EMBEZZLEMENT.

JUDGE'S STRONG COMMENTS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In the Criminal Court to-day, James Fergusson Ballantyne, until lately rate collector for the city of Adelaide, pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzlement in respect to amounts of £61 5s on May 18, and £18 17s on November 8, 1910. The town clerk (Mr. Ellery) gave evidence as to character. There had been no complaints against accused as health inspector, and until recently his reputation as a rate collector for five years had been unsullied. The defalcations amounted in all to £398 5s 9d.

Judge Homburg, in passing sentence, said counsel had handed him a most extraordinary statement by accused, in which he attempted to palliate his offence. He attributed his present position to vindictiveness, spite, and tyranny of one of his fellow officers, for which there was not the slightest justification, and to previous dishonesty and robbery by means of duplicate keys from his cashbox by another fellow officer. He was glad he had learned from the town clerk and accountant that all deficiencies were results of embezzlements since April, 1910. The officer to whom prisoner attributes his present position died in October, 1909—six months before the first amount was taken. On the face of it, therefore, the prisoner's statement was untrue, and he was deeply sorry that a man who had occupied a respectable position, and who had borne an excellent character, should have made such a confession. He had made a statement that tarnished the memory of a dead man, whose relatives appeared to have made up whatever deficiencies there were, and they had perhaps had facilities to disprove the prisoner's accusation. He was sorry also that the prisoner had charged a responsible and highly-paid officer of the corporation with being what was in law an instigator of the deceased officer's crime. Accused would go to the Stockade for three years with hard labour.

NO NEED FOR A JUDGE.

MR. HOSKINS' REPLY.

LITHGOW MEN WANT MEDIATION.

Mr. Beeby received replies yesterday to the telegram he sent on the previous day to the parties to the dispute at Lithgow, asking them to accept the friendly services of Acting Judge Edmunds as mediator.

Mr. Hoskins wired: "Thanks for your telegram. No necessity to avail ourselves of Judge Edmunds's services, as we expect the blast furnace will soon be working to its normal capacity."

The reply from the men, signed "Dixon, blast furnace union," ran: "Men decided to accept Judge Edmunds's mediation, also chairman board."

RECORD PRIZE MONEY.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S INCREASES.

£57,400 FOR YEAR.

The substantial increases decided upon by the A.J.C. committee in connection with the added money to be distributed at Randwick during the season 1911-12, as well as the additions to the Derby and Sires' Produce Stakes previously made, will be pleasant reading for breeders and owners of thoroughbred horses, for the increased prize money will mean a better demand for young stock, the owners of which will have so many opportunities to capture well-endowed races.

Last year the sum of £56,850 was distributed in prize money, but this year, including the £4550 voted at yesterday's meeting, the additional money will amount to £57,400. Furthermore, the sum of £220 additional was voted for the St. Leger, 1913. The added money for the December Stakes and Summer Cup has been increased in each instance from £500 to £1000, while the Champagne Stakes has been doubled, the added money now being £2000. The Derby has been increased from £4000 to £5000, while the St. Leger, 1913, will be worth £1000. The Villiers has also received an additional £100, making the prize worth £600.

In accordance with the policy of the club, substantial encouragement has been given to owners of jumpers, as the Winter Meeting first and second hurdle races have each been allotted an additional £100, making the prize worth £300, while the First Steeplechase has been allotted an additional £50, and the Second Steeplechase £100.

In addition, there are a number of other races which have been increased from £50 to £100, while at the Winter Meeting, 1912, a new race, the First Nursery of £200, has been added to the programme.

This undoubtedly establishes a record in connection with the history of

WEST WITH THE PREMIER

THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

AN UNPEOPLED REGION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

EUSTON, Thursday.

Before one has travelled many days in the western division one finds that all preconceived ideas of distance and of western settlement have to be reconstructed. After the motor has been panting for hour after hour along the main track on the western plain, without once catching a glimpse of either man or habitation of any description, the sense of lonesomeness steals over the mind. For 50 miles the two powerful Government cars and subsidiary car raced through mallee scrub, and we saw nothing but an Afghan hawker's van. Yet people living 60 and 100 miles north of Balranald are shut away in the scrub for years. One man, who drove in 80 miles to see the party at Balranald, had not been to town for over a year. In such wild seclusion the dead quiet of the bush steals into, and often sterilizes, the minds of those who are the outposts of settlement.

Meeting one selector, who had a place 40 miles north of Balranald, and who had driven in to see the "turnout," as it was called, the question was put: "Do you ever see anyone out there?" Quite seriously he said, "We see an old-man kangaroo sometimes." "But people; do you ever see any out there?" was the question pressed. "Yes, but not often. We have two families within 20 miles."

What a life that is, asks the man who knows the "nearer-in," but it comes home to one as more is seen of the people here. It is apparent that they have more grit and determination than perhaps any other class in Australia, and they need it in the vast spaces of the west, where the pioneers are now to be found. This is the country that the Minister for Lands has expressed his determination to settle more closely. If a dozen settlers can be placed on holdings now leased by one man it will be a great thing for the west, and for the State. The Minister has not yet determined what form this proposal will take, but after this visit he will have a good idea. One cannot see much hope of a great and successful scheme of closer settlement for the western division unless such scheme is based on assistance to selectors, either in compensation for improvements or in the construction of water channels for household and stock purposes.

YANGA STATION.

At Balranald yesterday morning a deputation asked for the resumption of Yanga station, which runs up to the town, for closer settlement. Mr. Nielsen could offer no hope, however, as the estate, being south of the river, was in the eastern division, and it is largely freehold. The average annual payments of settlers on living area blocks would be about £600 per year. Mr. Nielsen was shown over part of Yanga station by the manager, Mr. A. Briggs. Originally this station was one of the largest freehold properties in the State, and even now there are 200,000 acres of freehold and 60,000 acres held under lease. Its frontage to the Murrumbidgee is 50 miles. In the old days the cattle were mustered near Hay, 120 miles away. The homestead is on the south side of the Murrumbidgee, about six miles from Balranald, and the visit proved most interesting. Just before reaching the homestead the creek was passed. The proposal has long been made to construct a dam across this creek at a cost of £1000.

A SURPRISING SIGHT.

Nearby is Yanga Lake, which is one of the most surprising sights one could possibly see. The motor car and just scaled a little pine ridge when a vast expanse of water was seen through the trees. But for the great old river gum trees one could imagine it was Lake Macquarie or part of Middle Harbour that lay before us. As we approached the lake half a dozen black shags splashed along the surface. When a clearer view was obtained it was seen that the lake was alive with fish, and scores of pelicans, black swans glided along. Here and there a pelican showed out white on the dark waters of the lake, and hundreds of wild duck swam close into the banks. It was truly a paradise for water fowl. This lake is four miles long and two and a half miles wide, and the circumference is 10 miles. The average depth of water is six feet, and if a dam were constructed across the bottle-neck connection with the Murrumbidgee, another eight feet of water would be added. The evaporation in one year is five feet, but it has not been dry since 1892. It is filled by flood waters from the river. The water is used by travelling stock, and is the only supply to be obtained between the Murrumbidgee and Wakool rivers, a distance of 30 miles. The plea for the dam is put forward to ensure permanent water for travelling stock, and for the use of the station and neighbouring selectors. There are 250 acres in the bed of the lake, and strange to say Yanga station holds it as a grazing lease. It is 10 years since the land so leased has been seen.

AN IMPROVED PROPERTY.

The name of the station is of aboriginal origin, meaning "Mother's Rest," signifying camping ground. One hundred thousand sheep are carried on the station, but its carrying capacity has reached that high point only by reason of improvements. The system of rabbit-proof fencing, timber, burn it, and net has been to clear the timber, burn it, and net the sections. The place was infested with rabbits, and the burrows were ploughed up, and the country cleared by working constantly with packs of dogs. About 150,000 acres have thus been improved. The manager told the party how all the old grasses never seen for years have come back—cotton bush, white top, canary grass, and others. The wool shed on this station is one of the largest in the west, and certainly most up to date. It measures 500 feet in length, and holds 5000 sheep. Nine hundred hands are employed for shearing, and there are forty shearing machines. The buildings for men and shed hands are built of concrete, with cavity walls, and dining-room and bedrooms are splendidly arranged and fitted out. The system of sending wool to market is of the simplest. From the dumping presses the bales are rolled on to the river wharf at the back of the shed and loaded into barges, which can accommodate 1800 bales. The barges are towed down the Murrumbidgee into the Murray, and transhipped at Echuca for Melbourne. The homestead is prettily situated on a rise near the lake, and here the Minister for Lands and party were hospitably entertained by the station people. It is delightfully laid out with gardens, and the water pumped from the lake has accomplished what the natural rainfall of 12 inches would never do. It has made possible cultivation of all kinds of fruit and vegetables.

TRYING MOTORING EXPERIENCES.

The trip from Balranald on the Murrumbidgee to Euston on the Murray, a distance of 60 miles, occupied about five hours. There were some bad patches of road, which caused long delays. The Premier and party in their cars left Balranald at 2 o'clock, to the accompaniment of the shouts of the inhabitants and cheers from the school children lined along the main street. The mallee country was immediately entered, and the track traversed this region for almost the whole distance. The Mayor of Euston happened to be on the press car, and having driven the mailcoach at one time, this gentleman reeled off many tales of the west. These yarns were abruptly terminated when the three cars pulled up on the bank of a gilgai. Apparently trouble was reckoned on here, as the district roads officer had sent out a team of horses with tackle to pull the cars through. Fortunately, taking the waterholes at a rush, they climbed on to the opposite bank without aid. The horse-team cautions did not end there, for one of the men climbed a telegraph post to see the party safely across the treacherous plain country before taking the horses back. About 15 miles out two cars were deeply stuck in a mud-hole. The Premier, Minister for Lands, the Western Commissioners, and others worked like Trojans, pulling bushes and cutting saplings to make a bed for the car. One car was hitched on, and, after over an hour's hard work, both cars were pulled out. A wide detour was made, and the swamp was safely negotiated. Mr. Scobie, member for the district, received some pungent criticism on account of the state of the road in his electorate. Two big stations, Canally and Tupra Plains, held under western leases, were passed through, and also a large area of resumed land. This is leased on a monthly basis at half a crown per year for every 640 acres, and appeared to be suitable for throwing open in fairly large areas. This mallee country is very valuable, and where it has been improved forms rich grazing or agricultural land. If the system of water channels were instituted as in Victoria mallee country, the value of the land would be increased twenty-fold. Just before reaching Euston the station of that name was entered. The country here was in excellent condition, and showed to advantage after the wet season. It comprises about 200,000 acres, including 18,000 acres of freehold. Euston was reached at dusk.

EUSTON TO WENTWORTH.

WENTWORTH, Thursday.

Last night a number of local deputations were received by the Premier and Ministers for Lands. A request was made to Mr. Neil sen to construct a lock across the creek which connects with Benimee Lake. It was proposed to instal a pumping plant when the lake was locked to run the water across the mallee country to provide water for stock and domestic purposes. Evidence was given that levels had been taken for the placing of channels out into the back country. Local opinion favoured the cessation of work on the artesian bores now being sunk north of the lake. It was pointed out that a large amount of money had been spent in sinking these bores without result. The money spent on this work, it was urged, should be devoted to the construction of locks across the mouth of the lake, which is filled from the Murray. Mr. Master, chairman of the Western Lands Commission, was not in favour of stopping the bores at the present juncture, and thought they should be given a fair trial. Mr. Nielsen replied that the matter would receive careful consideration.

Another deputation made representations to the Premier with the object of having a cottage hospital erected in Euston. Mr. M'Gowen stated that he thought there would be no trouble in obtaining the necessary grant. The matter would be placed before the Chief Secretary on his return. At present a doctor had to travel 50 miles from Balranald.

The final stage of the long Western journey was commenced at daybreak this morning. It has been no picnic travelling with the Ministerial party, and one rule which allowed of no deviation was the start should be at dawn each morning. In consideration of the bad state of roads in places this happened to be a wise provision. The cars had not travelled from Euston far before a slight accident occurred to the pilot car, which contained the member for the district, Mr. Scobie, and the two press representatives. Without warning the car dashed into a deep rut, and the force of the impact threw the passengers forward, and unfortunately Mr. Scobie was thrown out, but other than for a severe shaking he sustained no injury. For the greater portion of the journey between Euston and Wentworth the country passed through was principally mallee scrub, with occasional clumps of tobacco plant, and what has been termed "the dreaded spinnefex," locally known as porcunine bush. This particular plant is indigenous to the Western division of the State, and has several interesting characteristics. It is said to bloom only once in seven years, and in passing on this trip it was found to be in bloom. Strangely enough the greener this plant is the more readily it burns. One of the Western Commissioners put a match to a large plant, and in a few minutes the whole was enveloped in a huge blaze. This mallee country appears to be extremely rich, and when improved is highly suitable for cultivation. The great drawback, however, is the very small rainfall, varying between 10 to 12 inches per year.

After leaving Euston the road left the river, and it was not again met with till about 20 miles had been traversed. From the bush track glimpses of the river, which here forms a noble stream, were obtained through the big gum-trees. The road running along the river-bank traversed low sandhills, which frequently made the travelling heavy for the cars. About 40 miles out a call was made at a selector's home on the banks of the Murray. At this particular spot the north bank of the river rears itself perpendicularly from the water to a height of about 50 feet. Here, as at other of the few homes met with in this part of the country, great hospitality was shown to the Premier and party. The homely housewife, hearing that the party were coming along the road, laid out a lavish supply of luscious fruit, grown on the selection. No doubt the example of Mildura in cultivating all varieties of fruits is not lost on settlers living within a wide radius of that irrigation settlement. This place was 24 miles from Mildura, which is, of course, on the Victorian side. A few miles after leaving this halfway house the Mallee Cliffs homestead was passed.

The cars were putting up a nice speed along a strip of good track, when the pilot car ran over a little rise, and before the brake could be applied it dashed into the middle of a large waterhole, and the representatives of Parliament and press were obliged to take to the water. Ropes were soon hitched on to the back of the car, and a gang comprising all the members of the party soon got to work. The Premier himself acted as serang, and with lusty shouts the car was slowly moved from what was likely to be a veritable slough of despond. Meanwhile the chauffeurs, armed with axes, started out to blaze the trail so as to circumvent the swamp, and the cars, after an hour's delay, moved off again.

Arriving at Gol Gol, a little hamlet on the banks of the Murray, the party were received by the inhabitants. A deputation was received on the hotel verandah. Mr. Scobie, in introducing the deputation, stated that it was the Minister's intention to introduce a new piece of legislation to open up lands in the western division for occupation in smaller areas than now obtained. A request was made that the resumed area of Mallee Cliffs, now held on permissive occupancy, together with one-eighth of Mallee Cliffs and Tapio, making altogether a compact area with a large frontage to the Murray and Gol Gol Lake, should be thrown open for selection under the new land laws. It was pointed out that, though an old place, its progress was obstructed owing to the inability of local people to get land. They suggested that the area applied for was less than 20,000 acres, with a river frontage, and not less than 20,000 acres in the back country. That would provide for about 20 settlers. A request was also made that the creek connecting the Murray with the lake should be locked, in order to give permanent water. It was asked that the common be extended.

Mr. Neilsen, in reply, said although he could not make no promise in regard to these particular properties he did favour the throwing open of these big Western properties for selection in areas of probably not less than 20,000 acres. In regard to the matter of the locks, he believed in making provision for keeping these river lakes supplied with water. In the interests of settlers he would have this question inquired into, and if the cost was not prohibitive he promised to have a number of them dammed up ere each year. In regard to the extension of the common he said that in the majority of instances commons were only waste lands, and he was totally opposed to their extension. The settlers would be much better off if, instead of depending on the commons, they would obtain agistment for their stock.

The Premier was requested to provide money for the erection of a school, which at present is merely an iron shanty. Mr. M'Gowen gave a sympathetic reply.

ARRIVAL AT WENTWORTH.

A HEARTY RECEPTION.

After leaving Gol Gol a quick run was made to Wentworth, the Western objective of the tour. As the party drove across the bridge spanning the Darling a salute was fired from the barrels of a shot gun from the lift tower. Passing under an archway of bushes the party alighted, and were greeted with cheers from a large crowd. The local band meanwhile playing a selection. The party were received by the Mayor (Alderman W. Atkinson), and his fellow councillors. An address of welcome on behalf of the Municipality of Wentworth was presented to the Premier.

Mr. M'Gowen thanked them for their hospitable welcome. They were, he said, beginning to realise that the time was opportune for a policy of closer settlement for the Western division. Too much had been done in the past to bring everything down to the centres of population, and they recognised that it was in the best interests of the State as well as the commonwealth that the settlers on the confines of other States should receive the best possible market for their produce. Naturally the Government had not yet had sufficient time to show by its actions what would be done in the direction of opening up its policy of decentralisation, and bringing about better conditions for the settlers of the State. Not until that had been done could they consider that Australia was theirs to live in and to fight for if its necessary.

Mr. Neilsen, in thanking them for their welcome, desired to give credit to Mr. Scobie, who was responsible for the Ministerial visit to the Western division. In regard to the lands policy it would, as far as he was concerned, show tangible results in the way of closer settlement, not only along the seaboard, but to the borders of South Australia. He knew he could not put people down in this part on a few hundred acres, but a living area would be allotted, and the result would be something tangible in closer settlement right to the Darling River. They favoured a policy of decentralisation, for if it were fair for settlers to pay taxes it was only right they should receive some privileges in return. Given the advantages of the closer port or market the State would receive in return gold which would be spent in the development of New South Wales. He thought that the people of Australia had arrived at the stage when they were not going to think as a State, but would consider themselves as units in this great continent of Australia.

Mr. Scobie referred to the fact that Mr. M'Gowen was the first Premier to visit this part of the State, and he assured them that the district would benefit by the land policy of the present Government.

Subsequently the party was entertained at luncheon by the municipal council.

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THE "ELIJAH."

Mendelssohn's oratorio, which has headed the programme at the Birmingham Festival from the time that great composer first conducted it there to the present day, brilliantly opened the Royal Sydney Philharmonic Society's season at the Town Hall last night. The popularity of the work, combined with the engagement of Mme. Mary Conly and Mr. Andrew Black, proved an overwhelming attraction to music-lovers. Indeed, so many people were unable to gain admittance that during the evening Sir William P. Manning (the society's president) announced that there would be a repetition of the oratorio on Saturday evening, when the artists referred to above would appear once more. Not only was the cast satisfactorily completed by Mr. Walter Whyte, and the Brisbane contralto Miss Lena Hammond, but an additional element of interest was furnished by the return to public life, after his brief but dangerous illness, of Mr. Henri Staer, who played with all his accustomed ease as leader under Mr. Joseph Bradley's baton. That conductor very skilfully accentuated the dramatic quality of the music by an alertness of tempo, to which the splendidly drilled forces readily responded. Two or three omissions were made to shorten the work, amongst which the double quartet, "For He Shall Give His Angels," was decidedly missed, whilst "He That Shall Endure" was parted with without a pang. Furthermore, there was no voice to scan the heavens for a sign of rain. Mme. Conly consented to see "the little cloud," thereby saving connoisseurs all anxiety as to the nigh "A natural" so essential to the dramatic breaking of the storm "Cast Thy Burden" brought in Mr. A. K. Jamieson for the bass music, in place of the principal singer, but the quartet did not go quite as well as usual, Mme. Conly apparently singing too softly for the other artists. The favourite unaccompanied trio, "Lift Thine Eyes," on the other hand, was admirably balanced (Mme. Conly, Miss Nellie Rouxel, Miss Hammond), and was very nearly encored.

"One of the best performances of the oratorio ever given in Australia" must be the verdict upon the Philharmonic Society's achievement last night. The orchestral tone-picture of the drought-stricken land which passes so naturally through a great crescendo to the articulate human cry, "Help, Lord," was finely given, and the chorus itself revealed an unusual volume of sound on the part of the voices, in which the basses and sopranos were wonderfully effective, the contraltos adequate, and the tenors behind the others in the essential matter of quality. The rendering was refreshingly confident, the "storzando" towards the end as the "harvest now is over" lending a "wedding" effect, just as the plaintiveness at the close of a beautiful rendering of "He Watching over Israel," with the reeds sweetly in evidence, provided one of the tenderest moments of the evening. The Baal choruses were perfectly, and therefore incisively, given, and "Thanks Be to God," "The Fire Descends," and many other great ensembles were impressively rendered. In two instances, at least, during the latter part of "Yet Doth the Lord" (to the words "His Mercies on Thousands Fall"), and at the quartet and chorus, "Holy, Holy, Holy," Mendelssohn's ensembles are comparable in their awe-inspiring sweetness and majesty with the colossal effects of Handel—a composer with a widely different style in other directions.

Mme. Mary Conly, a Melbourne soprano for some years past eminent at English oratorio festivals, following upon the favourable impression she made in the Christmas performance of the "Messiah," even more amply sustained her reputation in the "Elijah" music. We have to look back to Mme. Albani's appearance on the same platform to recall any singer as apt in conveying the incredulous amazement and the almost heartbreaking joy of the Widow, and with Mr. Andrew Black suggesting all the faith, dignity, and tenderness of the Prophet the scene proved memorable for its compelling drama. Mme. Conly realised also all the plaintive appeal of "Hear Ye, Israel," besides exhibiting a dazzling vocal quality and incisive "attack" in the allegro maestoso which follows, and, indeed, all her efforts were appreciated. Mr. Black, an Elijah held second in England only to Charles Santley in his prime, has been revived with all the Australian his fine singing and perfect diction demand on more than one occasion. His fiery power in the closing passage of "Is Not His Word," and his devotional tenderness in "Lord God of Abraham" and "It is Enough," were again admired last night. Miss Lena Hammond, a light contralto with sympathetic quality, and a few minutes with whose singled-out for particular attention by the progressive qualities, more especially in "Woe Unto Them" and the music of the Queen, the latter, after a timid lead-off, delivered with very acceptable spirit. Mr. Walter White, in "If With All Your Hearts" and the tenor numbers generally, sang not quite with sympathetic warmth, but a respectable breadth of style, so that the cast as a whole was excellent.

The "Elijah" will be repeated to-morrow.

CORONATION FESTIVAL.

PROGRAMME OF CONTESTS.

Yesterday, Mr. E. S. Marks received a cable from London from Mr. F. Henry, who acting on behalf of Lord Desborough, stated that the programme of contests for the Festival of Empire would be as originally arranged in Sydney. It is as follows:—

Athletics: 100yds. 220yds, 440yds. 880yds 1 mile, 120yds hurdles, 440yds hurdles.
Swimming: 100yds and 1 mile.
Lawn Tennis: Singles
Wrestling: Middleweight.
Boxing: Heavyweight.

The dates for the contests have been definitely fixed for June 24 to July 4. The team would be put up in London for one month at the Festival, by the Empire Committee.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Sports Club, a meeting was held of the Australasian committee, Mr. Cowlishaw presiding. It was stated that Hardwick's berth would be booked by the India on March 8. The Victorian A.A.A. reported that Brown and Wheatley were available. A request was received from the South Australian Swimming Association, asking that Hardwick should appear in Adelaide on his way home. The request will probably be granted by the local association. Letters were received from a number of prominent citizens promising financial support towards the expenses of sending the local champions home. Amongst those who wrote were Sir Albert Gould, Judge Cohen, Judge Backhouse, Mr. Wade, Mr. S. Hordern, Mr. H. C. Braddon, Mr. R. L. Baker, Mr. W. Macpherson, and others. The council will meet again on Monday.

MUSWELLBROOK-MERRIWA RAILWAY.

Mr. H. W. Willis, M.L.A., introduced a deputation to the Minister for Works yesterday with a request for the construction of a railway line from Muswellbrook to Merriwa. It was submitted that the line had passed the Public Works Committee and received the approval of the Railway Commissioners. Several large estates were available for subdivision for dairying and other purposes, the district being one of the richest in the State in natural productiveness. Mr. Willis informed the Minister that if he could not find the money the gentlemen present would put up the money and accept Government bonds for repayment. It was pointed out that the item for constructing the line had been on the business paper of the last Parliament, but had not been dealt with. The deputation made a strong case in terms of the best evidence in support of their request, which had been placed before the Works Committee.

Mr. Griffith said that the influence brought to bear on this question ought to be strong enough to take a line through the Sahara. This was a district affected by the progressive spirit, and possible breadth of style, so that the east as a whole was excellent.

The "Elijah" will be repeated to-morrow.

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COSTLY WATER SCHEME.

THIRTEEN YEARS OF FAILURE.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The municipal council has decided to invite Mr. Griffith, Minister for Works, to Tamworth in connection with the town water supply, which has been in existence for 13 years, and has been a failure from the start.

The original scheme was to cost £37,500, plus 10 per cent. for contingencies. The latest returns show the cost as £47,656. The increase was due to defective pipes supplied by the Government, which cost an extra £2500, and also the failure of the scheme to supply power from the reservoir to drive electrical plant. Everything has gone wrong with the scheme, and the water has hardly ever been fit for domestic use, certainly not drinkable.

At the council meeting the Mayor (Alderman Matheson) denied that the council had ever made itself liable for the scheme, which had been one of blunder from the start, and the people of Tamworth were now asked to pay for the failure. The council refused to take the supply over from the Works Department until it was brought up to efficiency. Mr. Lee, the late Minister for Works, had agreed to wipe off portion of the old liability and interest, and make the supply adequate for the town at a total cost of £36,000. The council considered the charge too high. The Mayor interviewed Mr. Lee in Sydney, and asked that the total capital cost be reduced to £30,000. Mr. Lee was very favourable. With the change of Government, Mr. Levien made a fresh request, and as a result the council received a letter from the present Minister for Works, absolutely declining to reduce the amount to the figure asked, and stating that he would not sanction the general taxpayers of the State being further saddled with the liability of the Tamworth water supply.

The council considered the Minister totally unacquainted with the facts of the case, or he would never have written a letter like that. The Mayor added that great injustice was being done to Tamworth through the blunders of the Works Department. He hoped the Minister, being a man of common sense and fair judgment, would, on visiting the town, see the justice of the council's position.

STRIKE PAY.

CARCOAR, Thursday.

Strike matters are fairly quiet here, except for the fact that Mr. Gallagher, from the Lithgow Union, was in Carcoar this morning, and addressed £50 in strike pay to the men who are out, in the proportion of 33s to married men and 25s to single men.

An advertisement respecting a proposed reunion dinner by members of the 2nd N.S.W. Mounted Rifles appears elsewhere.

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WYONG SHOW.

GIANT PRODUCE.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WYONG, Thursday.

The sixth annual show of the Wyong Agricultural Society was opened to-day under the most favourable auspices as regards weather. The district is making extraordinary progress in agricultural settlement, and the show is undoubtedly keeping pace with the development. This year there are over 1000 entries, and some £250 is being distributed in prize money. The present exhibition is noteworthy for the crowded contents of the agricultural pavilion. The district holds many farmers and market gardeners whose living is solely derived from supplying Sydney with fruit and vegetables. The more enterprising are found in competition, and the result is a splendid display of farm and garden produce. For instance, keen competition is noticeable in the maize sections. The tallest stalks with cobs reach 15ft 9in, as against 17ft 3in last year. In the vegetables, too, there are some giants, all grown in the district. One of the most successful exhibitors in this section is T. Smith, of Tuggerah, one of the earliest settlers in the district. He shows a great variety of perfectly-grown produce, also 21 different samples of fodder plants for dairy cattle, cultivated on his property for dairy purposes. The whole collection is undoubtedly a splendid one, and speaks volumes for the diversified capacity of the district. W. D. Ponton exhibits a great variety of produce, which has all come off an area of two acres, from which he secures a good living, supplying the metropolitan markets. H. F. Jones and Johns Bros. also show what can be done on small areas. In order to encourage these agricultural exhibits the society is giving a £20 prize for the best collection of produce. The response in this section is very encouraging, and there is little to chose between the collections of the exhibitors, Thos. Smith securing the blue ribbon by a few points only. Fruit was particularly good, especially apples, Granny Smiths and Five Crowns and Jonathans being the most prominent varieties. The pears were also good, but peaches and grapes were very limited, and the quality poor. Tomatoes took up considerable space, and were particularly large and clean skinned.

Dairying is rapidly increasing in the district, and the show of dairy cattle is most commendable. Jerseys are the best class. The aged bulls are all good sorts, but the younger ones lack quality. The cows and heifers without exception are well bred. The Ayreshires are rather poor, but an improvement is noticeable in the Durhams. The most successful exhibitor in the dairy classes is W. J. Chapman, who maintains a fine herd of 90 cows, which at present are yielding 240 gallons daily. Mr. C. E. Wynne is also very successful amongst the Jerseys. The blood stock is full of quality. The males were rather limited, but the mares formed good competitive classes. In poultry the champion bird of the show is a silver Wyandotte owned by Hughes Bros. The class champions are:—

Horses—Heavy draught stallion: C. A. Clark; Minorca, C. A. Clark; black Orpingtons, W. Pyle; Indian game, C. Corfield; Australian Game, H. A. Power. The following are to-day's awards:—

Horses—Heavy draught stallion: W. Buchanan's Macbeth II., by Macbeth. Active draught stallion: W. A. Trigg's Gladstone, by Gladstone (imp.). Blood stallion, any age: K. A. Wyeth's Fairey Farmer, by Patronage. Thoroughbred stallion: Mrs. W. Davies' Express, by Yanbre, 1; W. Cooper, 2. Pony stallion, 14 hands: A. Parsons' Don Juan, by Don Quixote, 1; Mrs. M. J. Cooper, 2. Heavy draught mares: W. Trigg, James Chittick, 2. Active draught mares: J. E. Waters. Blood mares: E. Bridges' American Lass, by America. Trotting mare, any age: A. H. Bailey, 1; Mrs. Bailey, 2. Pony mare, 14 hands: R. Gascoigne, 1; W. Chaseling, 2. Pony mare, 12½ hands: A. H. Bailey. Best farm horse: W. Trigg, 1; J. Chittick, 2. Best foal by draught horse: Mrs. Cully, 1; J. Waters, 2. Best foal by thoroughbred: Mrs. Smith, 1; James Bailey, 2. Best yearling by draught horse: R. Burd, 1; E. Ponton, 2. Best trotting horse: W. Buchanan, 1; Mrs. Cully, 2.

Cattle.—Sobertborns, bull, 3yrs: H. Stenbach. Champion cow, 3yrs: H. Sternbach, 1 and champion; A. J. Chapman, 2. Cow, any age, in milk: W. J. Chapman, 1; Cow, 2yrs: A. J. Chapman, 1; W. J. Chapman. Jerseys—Bull, 3yrs: J. Morris, 1 and 2. Bull, 2yrs: C. Wynne. Dittto, 1yr: C. Wynne. Cow, any age, in milk: Jas. Morris, 1; C. Wynne. Cow, any age, in milk: Jas. Morris, 1; C. Wynne. Cow, 3yrs: W. J. Chapman, 1; C. Wynne, 2. Cow, 2yrs: W. J. Chapman, 1; C. Wynne, 2. Cow, 1yr: W. J. Chapman, 1; C. Wynne, 2. Ayrshires.—Bull, 3yrs: T. Knight, 1 and champion. 2yrs: W. J. Chapman. 1yr: W. J. Phillips, 2. Cow, any age, in milk: Jas. Morris, 1; J. Phillips, 2. Grade bull, 3yrs: W. Smith, 2yrs: C. Brown. Cows, 3yrs: W. J. Chapman, 1 and champion; C. Wynne, 2. Cow, any age, in milk: W. J. Chapman, 1; Harvey Raulston, 2. 2yrs: H. Hitchcock, 1; W. Smith, 2. Bull and three progeny, any breed: H. Sternbach, 1; C. Wynne, 2. Three heifers, any breed: W. J. Chapman, 1; C. Wynne, 2. Three cows, any breed: C. Wynne.

Farm and Garden Produce, green: Thomas Johns Bros., 1; W. Smith, 2. Oates hay in sheaf: F. Jones, 1; Chittick, 2. Smith, Cobs maize: H. A. Sternbeck, 1; M. H. Hitchcock, 2. Six stalks maize in cob: H. F. Preston, 1; W. E. Wells, 2. Maize, any variety: H. A. Sternbeck, 1; H. Hitchcock, 2. Pumpkins: Braidwin, 1; D. Wainwright, 2. Collection vegetables: W. Ponton, 1; H. Jones, 2. Brownell potatoes: H. Hitchcock, 1; J. Cooper, 2. Ditto Early Rose: T. Jones, 1; Hospital Bros., 2. Ditto, any variety: Thos. Smith. Collection green sorghum: T. Smith, 1; Johns Bros., 2. Collection grain sorghum: T. Smith, 1; Johns Bros., 2. Collection grasses: T. Smith, 1; Johns Bros., 2. Tallest maize: R. E. Preston, 1 (5ft 8in); E. Kennedy, 2 (5ft 8in). Best collection agricultural produce: Thos. Smith, 1; Henry Jones, 2.

Fruit.—Bunches of grapes, any variety: D. Ponton. Lemons: Johns Bros. Quinces: A. Allsopp, A. Russell, 2. Six varieties apples: W. Fuerte, 1; E. Gray, 2. Table apples: A. Allsopp. Cooking apples: E. Gray, 1; Geo. Rabbe, 2. Collection pears: E. Gray. Baking pears: E. Gray. Ditto, table: E. Gray, 1; G. Morris, 2. Peaches: Geo. Morris. Ditto, nectarine. Ditto. Figs: Wm. Woodbine. Passion fruit: A. Russell, 1; Chambers, 2. Tomatoes: J. Lawler, 1; W. Walmesley, 2. Collection tomatoes: S. Schofield.

Poultry.—Buff Orpingtons, cock: W. Pyle, 1 and 2. Hen: W. Pyle, 1 and 2. Cockerel: W. Pyle, 1 and 2. Pullet: W. Pyle, 1 and 2. Black Orpingtons, cock: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Hen: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Cockerel: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Pullet: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Indian game, cock: C. Corfield, 1 and 2. Hen: C. Corfield, 1 and 2. Cockerel: C. Corfield, 1 and 2. Pullet: C. Corfield, 1 and 2. Australian Game, cock: H. A. Power, 1 and 2. Hen: H. A. Power, 1 and 2. Cockerel: H. A. Power, 1 and 2. Pullet: H. A. Power, 1 and 2. Minorca, cock: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Hen: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Cockerel: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Pullet: C. A. Clark, 1 and 2. Pen of three yearling heifers: G. Tate, 1 and 2; W. Strong, 3. Dairy cows, in milk: G. Tate, 1; A. J. Watson, 2. Dairy cows, dry: A. J. Watson, 1 and 2; D. A. Nelson, 3. Maiden dairy cow, dry: D. A. Nelson, 1; J. King, 2. Pen of four yearling heifers: Gothen Bros., 1; G. Tate, 2; D. A. Nelson, 3. Pen of three steers, under 12 months: Jas. Lumsden, 1; Jas. Chittick, 2 and 3. Pen two steers, under 12 months: A. Gilroy, 1; D. A. Nelson, 2. Single steer, under 12 months: D. A. Nelson, 1; J. Cox, 2. Bull, any age: A. J. Watson, 1; A. Morrison, 2. Best prizes, 30 days, all-comers: T. Watson's Lovely, 1, total yield of butter, 60.14lb; James Chittick's, 2, 54.2lb; D. A. Nelson, 3, 44.4lb. Watson, Queenie, 1, not more than 6 years old, total yield of butter 50.9lb; D. A. Nelson, 2. Maiden cows: James Chittick's Gaudy 1, total yield of butter 64.74lb; D. A. Nelson, 2; Watson, 3.

Shorthorns.—Heifer under 12 months: J. Lumsden, 1; W. Strong, 2; G. Tate, 3. Pen two year-old heifers: W. Strong, 1; G. Tate, 2 and 3. Pen three yearling heifers: G. Tate, 1 and 2; W. Strong, 3. Champion bull, any age: G. Tate, 1; W. Strong, reserve champion. Champion cow or heifer: G. Tate. Dairy cattle (bull and progeny): Gothen Bros., 1; W. Strong, 2; D. A. Nelson, 3. Champion bull, any age: G. Tate, 1; Gothen Bros., reserve champion. Champion cow or heifer: G. Tate, and W. Strong. Miscellaneous—Best group of cattle: G. Tate, 1 and 2; W. Strong, 3.

Horses—Draught yearling, colt or filly: D. A. Nelson, 1 and 2. Blood yearling, filly: D. A. Nelson, 1; Randall Bros., 2. Draught foal, under 12 months: Randall Bros., 1; E. Thornton, 2. Pony foal, under 12 months: James Chittick, 1; D. A. Nelson, 2. Springcart horse: A. Gilroy, 1; D. A. Nelson, 2. Harness horse: Barrengarry Dairy Co., 1; A. Kelly, 2; W. Thomson, 3. Fastest trotter in saddle: Barrengarry Dairy Co., 1; A. Kelly, 2; W. Thomson, 3. Draught stallion: Blood stallion: T. O'Sullivan. Pony stallion: D. A. Nelson, 1; Jas. Chittick, 2. Draught mares: W. Hickey, 1; G. H. Tate, 2. Blood mares: A. Morrison, 1; A. Gilroy, 2. Pony mare, 12½ hands and under 14 hands: D. A. Nelson, 1; W. Graham, 2. Pony mare, under 12½ hands: D. A. Nelson, 1; C. Clarke, 2. Pony 2-year-old colt: H. Tate, 1; Barrengarry Dairy Co., 2. Draught 2-year-old colt: H. Stevenson, 1; P. Sullivan, 2. Draught 2-year-old filly: G. Whyne, 1; W. Cox, 2. Blood 2-year-old colt: A. Watson, 1; H. Chittick, 2. Blood 2-year-old filly: A. Watson, 1; H. Chittick, 2.

Swine.—Boar, any breed: Cromberger, 1; W. Brandon, 2. Sow, any breed: Cromberger, 1; W. Brandon, 2. Boar, under 12 months, any breed: Gilroy, 1; H. Rutledge, 2. Sow, under 12 months: J. Sharman, 1; Cromberger, 2. Pen 4 bacon pigs: W. Fleming, 1 and 2. Sow and litter: M. Donnelly, 1; H. Rutledge, 2.

Poultry.—Bantam cock and hen: J. Chittick, 1; J. Watts, 2. Hamburgh, any kind: J. G. Watts, 1 and 2. Fowls for export: J. G. Watts, 1; A. White, 2. Silver Wyandottes: J. G. Watts, 1 and 2. White Leghorns: J. Watts, 1 and 2. Brown Leghorns: J. G. Watts, 1 and 2. Minorcas: H. Gothey, 2. Orpingtons: H. Gothey, 1; J. Watts, 2. Any other kind: J. H. Wears, 1 and 2. Aylesbury ducks: R. Carter, 1. Muscovy ducks: G. H. Rutledge, 1 and 2. Any other kind: J. H. Wears, 1 and 2. Call ducks: Solomon Bros. M. Fleming, and 2. Indian runner ducks: J. Nelson, 1; A. White, 2. Geese: M. Molineux, 1; M. Fleming, 2. Turkeys: J. Watts, 1 and 2. Dogs.—Cattle dog: J. Chittick, 1; John Nelson, 2. Sheep dog: J. Chittick, 1. John Nelson, 2. Sheepdog: J. O'Sullivan, 1; A. Gilroy, 2. Sheep: J. Chittick, 1. Bee.—Basket maker and feeder: A. Watson, 1; W. Graham, 2. Cane basket: W. Graham, 1 and 2. Butter box: A. Watson, 1; W. Graham, 2. Collection honey: G. H. Watson, 1; A. Nelson, 2. Perennial flowering plant: G. H. Watson, 1; A. Nelson, 2. Prairie grass: G. H. Rickett, 1; A. T. Watson, 2. Planter's friend seed: J

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A smaller amount of business was carried through on 'Change yesterday at firm rates. Insurance Office of Australia rose /2, Tooth's Brewery /1, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. /3, other sales being at about late rates.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sales.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investors.
STOCKS							
R.S.W. F.S.							
due 1917	10		8	8/4	8/3	8/4	3
Do., div. 1912	10		8	9/7	9/2	...	3
Do., due 1912	10		8	9/2	...	...	3
Do., due 1924-9	10		8	9/0	...	...	3
Do., due 1915	10		8	98/5	97	98	3
Do., due 1927	10		8	97	96	97½	3
Do., due 1923	10		8	96½	96½	97½	3
Do., due 1920	10		8	100½	99	100	3
Do., div. 1919	10		8	105	...	103	3
Do., Act 1873	10		8	100	...	...	3
Do., Debentures	10		8	100½	100½	1/2	3
Tram., T. Bds.	10		8	100½	...	...	3
Do., Bonds	10		8	100½	100½	...	3
W.A. Inscr.	10		8	101½	...	...	3
Do., Debentures	10		8	100	100	...	3
Aus. Gas. Co.	10		8	101	100	...	3
Pty. Sydney, B.	10		8	104½	...	...	3
C. Sugar Co.	74			108	...	...	
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	16	117	116		
Aus. B. Con.	20		1	21 17 10½	17 10½	387	5
Bank of N.Z.	40		2	39 9	39	40/	5
City of Sydney	8		8	90	85/	90/	5
Distn. new	40		4	85/	85/	88/	5
Distn. of Syd.	10		10	321	320	323	3
Distn. new	10		5				
Distn. pref.	10		10	3 5/16			
E. & A.	20		5	22½	22½	23½	4
London Bank	20		5	16 7/8			
Distn. pref.	10		5	11 12/6			
N. of Aus.	40		10	124			
Distn. pref.	10		10	10½			
N.S.W.	100		10	47	46½	47½	
New Zealand	64		24	102	101½	102	5
Q'land Nat.	40		8	40/	39/	40/	4
Roy. of Q.	8		6	5/5	5/3	...	
Union	75		25	90	90	90½	5
DEPOSITS.							
A.B.A. Inscr.				16 4½	16/3	16/4½	
Australian	6		6				
Assets	100			17/10½	19/	...	
B. S. and L.	5		3	12/6	12/6	12/9	4
Inscr. pref.	10		10	19/6	19/6	...	
Bens. def.	5		3	4/	3/9	...	
Bens. pref.	10		10	18/3	18/	...	
Q'land Nat.	20		20	18/6	18/	18/6	
STEAM.							
Adelaide	1		10	37/6	37/9	...	
Aust. N. Ferry.	1		1	21/	227	23/	
B. South	1		1	21	477	...	
Australian	6		6	21/6	21/	...	
Illawarra	1		1	17	17/	17/3	
Newcastle	1		1	28/6	28/	...	
North Coast	1		1	17/6	28/6	...	
Pac. Islands	1		1	15	15/	...	
Sydney Ferries	1		1	45/6	45/	46/	
Distn. new	1		1	43/6	43/	44/	
Union of N.Z.	1		1	37/6	37/6	37/9	
INSURANCE.							
A.M. Fire	5		1	47/	46/6	47/6	
A.U.A.	5		1	7/2	7/3	7/4	
Mer. Mutual	10		10	19/6	19/3		
New Zealand	10		10	26/	25/	26/	
Queensland	10		10	26	25/	31/	
Reliance	5		2	6/10	6/9	6/10	
United	10		2½	12½	6	...	
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	20/6	20/6		
Australian	6		6	18½	18½	18½	
Charlton Tunnel	10		10	10/	...		
Goulburn	1		1	60/	50/	61/	
Grafton	1		1	8	...	8/6	
Kat., Leura	1		1	24/6	...	24/	
Metropolitan	5		5	10	9	11	
Mudgee	1		1	10/6	10/6	11/	
Pfd.	10		10	14/6	17/3	19/	
Distn., new	5		5			22/	
Newcastle	1		1	15	£6 3/6	6/6	
Distn. new	2		2	6/8	6/	6/6	
North Shore	1		1	5	33/	...	
South Brisbane	10		10	19	...	...	
BREWERIES.							
C. and W. Bros.	1		1	10/9	10/6	10/9	
Perths'	15		15	41/6	41	42/	
Tooth's	10		10	19/6	19/	19/3	
Tooth's	1		1	43/3	43	43/6	
MILLING.							
Aerated Fd. Hall	15		5	7/6	7/6	8/6	
A. Brad.	1		1	18/	17/6	...	
A. Taylor, Co.	1		1	13/6	13/	20/	
Bibb, rev.	15		10	...	...	...	
Bibb, rev.	15		10	...	...	...	
Int. Bk. Mills	1		1	...	...	...	
Intn. pref.	1		1	7	...	...	
Scot Wilson	1		1	10	...	20/	
Sydney Glass							
Rubber	1		1	12½	10/	...	
R.H.W. Supply	5		5	20/	18/3	18/11	
Boyle, W.	1		1	10	...	...	
Bens. Philip.	1		1	10	47/	46/9	47/3
Bibb, contg.	1		10	20	23/6	...	25/3
C. Steam	20		20	40	42	42	4
Colo. Engineer	1		1				
Dar	1		1	8	8/	9/	
Dalgety Co.	20		8	8	8/	8/3	
Dalgety Co.	1		1	22	22/	23/	
Distn. pref.	1		1	15/1	15/3	16/	
Emu B. G.B.M.	1		1	1	1/	1/3	
F. Bibb, Co.	1		1	5	15/3	15/6	
Farmer, Co., Ltd	10		10	1	1/6	1½	
Distn.	10		10	1	1/	1/3	
G. Meat Co.	1		1	10	48/6	48/	
Goodlet, smith	15		15	8	20/	19/6	
H. Jones, Dev.	1		1				
Distn.	1		1	10	15 3	14/6	
Distn. contg.	1		1	10	24/3	24/6	
H. Jones, Contg.	1		1	7	24/3	24/6	
Hotel Metropole	1		1	1	30/9	...	
Hotel Prop.	1		1	1	27	23/	
H. McKinnie	1		1	7	24/9	23/	
Distn. pref.	1		1	1	27	23/	
H. Clark	1		1	8	27	...	
Meth. Trans.	1		1	1	42/6	42 3	
Moor de Perie	1		1	1	10	10/6	
Distn. new	1		1	1	10	13/6	
Mort's Dock	1		1	6	20/3	20/	
Distn. pref.	1		1	6	8	8/	
N.S.W. P.F.L.	25		15	1	1/3	1/6	
Napoleon	1		1	11	28/9	28/9	
Pe'ta Gidgy	5		5	6/10	6/	6/6	
Perdrian	1		1	2	2/	2/3	
Perm. Trust	5		2/6	4/10	4/9	5/	
Perp. Trust	10		5/	16 3	16/	16/9	
Pitt, Son, Badg.	1		1				
Pref.	1		1	15	10	20/6	
Prop. Inv.	1		1	16	16/	17/	
Q. Meat Co.	1		1	15	15/6	16/	
Q'land Prop.	1		1	11	...	11/	
R. H. Gr'ves.	1		1	10	20/6	20/	
Ditto, new	1		1	10	18/3	19/3	
R. and Wrench	1		1	6			
Robberds	5		5				
Sanders, Sutton,							
Distn.	1		1	15/	10/	15/	
Serpent. Ltd.	1		1	10	20/3	20/6	
Silverton Trams	1		1	6½	6	...	
Sm. Warrand	1		1	27	27/	28/	
Stanley Bros.	1		1	1	1/	...	
Sydney Stores	1		1	1	1/	...	
Syd. Tram.	10		10	12	12	13	
Syd. B.C.E.	1		1	1	1/	1/3	
Syd. Trading	1		1	20	21/	22/	
W. H. Soul	1		1	55/	54/6	55/	
Woods, Gilbert	1		1				
Ball Pfd.	1		1				
Waihi, Hydm.	1		1	8/	8/	8/6	
Wonderkin	1		1	2/9	2/3	2/6	
Ditto, pref.	1		1	2/	2/	2/3	
LAND AND DO							
Commercial	10		5	6½			
Haymarket	2		2	8	8/		
Industrial	10		10	18	18		
International	1		1/5	10	38	39/	
Newcastle	1		1	24/6	...	...	
R. A. L. M. and A. Co.	3		1	7/	...	...	
COAL.							
Abermain	1		18/6	15	44/	42 6	
Bellambi	1		1	17/3	47/6	47/	
Blue Athol	1		1	1	1/	1/3	
Cab-tallan	10		10	15/	12½	16	
East Greta	1		1	1	16/	22/6	
Hebden Greta	1		1	1	1/	...	
Hetton	1		1	6	6/	6/	
Mitton, Lewis	1		1	1	2/	2/1	
Ocean Coal	1		1	1	13/	13/	
Mt. Keembla A.	10		10	18	27	28	
Newcastle	1		1	10	5	20/	
North Bulli	1		1	1	7	20	
Pelham	1		1	1	2	...	
South Greta	10		10	7	10/	9/10½	
Tale of Clwydd	1		1	1	1/	...	
Wallsend	10		1	10	20	19½	
Waratah	1		1	1	1/	...	
W. sea Pr.	1		1	1	12/	11/9	
Ditto, new	1		1	1	1/	9/	
Wyee	1		1	1	35/	35/	

† Where dividends are interim the yields are based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly dividend. ‡ Yield to shareholder, otherwise on the last half-yearly dividend. †† Ex dividend.

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Fresh Food and Ice, 19/. Noon: Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., 19/; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 2 months, 48/9; Insurance of Australia, 7/3. Afternoon: Fresh Food and Ice, 19/; Greater J. D. Williams Amusements, 27/6, 28/; Bellambi Coal, 47/6. Later: Burns, Philp, and Co., paid, 47/; Tooth and Co., 48/3, Paul and Gray, 25/; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., 19/; Henry Jones Co-operative, 24/7½; City Bank of Sydney, old, 90/; Queensland Meat, 20/ paid, 18/6; Goldsbrough, Mort, 48/6.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian, 3½ per cent. Stock, 1917, 4/8; Commercial Bank, 12/7; Goldsbrough, 48/3; Emu Bay Rail, 3/3; ditto, pref., A, 13/; Melbourne Tram, 42/4; Silverton Tram, £6 3/; Australian Paper Mills, 29/; B. H. Water, 18/6; Dunlop, pref., 22/, 23/6.

FINANCIAL.

M.L.C. VALUATION REPORT.

The report of Mr. R. D. Miller on the valuation of the M.L.C. as on December 31 last, states that the amount of the assurance fund is £4,290,991, which, less the net liability of £3,363,991, left a net surplus of £227,000, or with £3121 interim bonuses paid, £323,811. The M.L.C. policies have been valued on a 3 per cent., the widows' fund policies on a 3½ per cent., and the M.L.A. policies on a 4 per cent. purely premium basis. The surplus has been apportioned as follows:—

M.L.C. section	£110,896
M.L.A. section	80,107
A.W.F. section	132,308
Total	323,811

Of the M.L.C.'s share, Mr. Miller recommends that £93,980 should be apportioned, £79,184 among policy-holders, in the form of bonuses, and £13,796 among the shareholders, the balance of £11,916 being carried forward to the credit of this section. The M.L.A. policy-holders get £44,956, £44,451 being carried forward, while the Australian Widows' policyholders get £130,287, the balance (£2221) being carried forward. The M.L.C. and M.L.A. bonuses are the same as those of the previous year. The Australian Widows' policy-holders share is equal to £65,000 for the year, against £142,905 for the previous distribution for five years. This speaks eloquently of the benefits derived from the amalgamation.

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT PERMANENT.

The report of the above company covers the year ended December 31. It states that the business of the company has been well maintained, and that, after providing the usual dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, there remained a balance of £1608, which it is proposed to carry forward. The paid-up capital of this company is £42,920, while there are also deposits to the amount of £32,203. The amount due on mortgages, amounting to £83,250, and freehold property to the value of £7500, are among the chief assets.

The following comparison may be made:—

	1908.	1909.	1910.
Paid-up capital	£42,920	£42,920	£42,920
Deposits	28,422	32,097	32,203
Reserve fund	11,000	11,000	11,000
Due on mortgages	75,668	80,786	81,407
Society's buildings	7,500	7,500	7,500
Bank Deposits, etc.	329	329	329

MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The half-yearly report of the above company covers the six months ended December 31. It shows a net profit of £8131. A dividend, at the rate of 9 per cent., is recommended. The following comparison may be made:—

	Half-year ended		
	Dec., 1908.	Dec., 1909.	Dec., 1910.
Liabilities—	£.	£.	£.
Capital and reserves	188,550	190,750	195,000
Depreciation account	30,350	42,925	55,750
Deposits	14,000	14,000	19/
Debts due by company, etc.	29,726	15,759	24,751
Profit and loss	14,270	15,000	16,910
Assets—			
Steamships and properties	224,740	225,868	235,788
Wharf plant	1,075	1,165	1,273
Investments	3,994	843	6,752
Coal stores and stock	14,596	9,216	16,433
Debts due to company	27,916	19,164	24,858
Cash	12,024	9,359	9,359

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD.

The nineteenth annual report of the above company states that deposits have been reduced by £3806 in exchange for deposit receipts for land, which now stand at £27,052 in view of the Federal land tax a revaluation of the company's properties is being obtained. The debit balance of £80,374 has been increased to £80,636. The capital paid up is £102,768, and the chief assets consist of suburban and country lands £46,117, and borrowers' balances £2382 Shareholders met yesterday, Mr. J. W. Watkin (chairman of directors) presiding. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Mr. F. J. Hilliard was re-elected a director, and Messrs. Robertson and Cooke were re-elected as auditors.

CARGO BROACHING.

"Manufacturer" writes:—

Is it not possible for our legislators to make a determined effort to put a stop to this class of larceny? At present it is rife, and shippers are generally in a state of anxiety. It is useless to ask the shipping companies for redress, as they accept no responsibility for goods extracted from the cargoes entrusted to their care. I submit, if they were made answerable, that the world very soon adopt some stringent methods for safeguarding the interests of their vessels. The police are to be commended for their work in this connection, but their services are only requisitioned after the thieves have effected their purpose, and the odds are much against the force.

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NEW REDHILL ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY.

The report of the above company covers the half-year ended December 31. It states that the receipts from the company's railway during the period shows a slight increase. The credit balance has been increased from £16,222 to £16,547 during the six months. The capital of the company is £15,000, and there are debentures, etc., to the amount of £38,381. The shareholders met yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. W. L. Docker, and the report was adopted.

SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The report of the above institution for last year shows that there was an increase of 4482 depositors as against the previous year, equal to 3.56 per cent., against 3.33 per cent. in the previous year, 4.35 per cent. in 1908, and 7.37 per cent. in 1907 over 1906. The increase in the aggregate amount at credit of depositors was £418,950, against £160,643 and £284,846, respectively, in the two years preceding. There was a very large increase in deposits between £200 and £500, as is witnessed by the following table:—

INCREASE IN DEPOSITS, CLASSIFIED.

Deposits of—	1908. £	1909. £	1910. £
£20 and under	8,061	7,389	7,490
£20 to £50	6,581	20,454	27,429
£50 to £100	24,049	24,941	17,023
£100 to £200	87,860	60,387	54,781
£200 to £500	183,161	78,936	250,968
£500 and upwards	21,079*	2,065	60,833

* Decrease.

The above table makes it abundantly clear that small investors with a few hundreds to their credit are finding it difficult to get their money into channels that will give them an adequate return. Hence the large increase of deposits between £200 and £300, aggregating as they do over a quarter of a million sterling. The total number of depositors was 139,352, against 125,874, and the amount at their joint credit £7,263,794, against £6,845,152. The interest earned by the bank's investments was £275,537, against £263,011, to which being added £7313 brought forward made £282,751 available. Out of this sum interest was paid or allowed to depositors to the amount of £222,954, and the other appropriations compare with those of the previous year as follows:—

APPROPRIATION.

	1908. £	1909. £	1910. £
To reserve fund	12,000	13,150	13,780
To special investments reserve	5,000		
To general investments depreciation account		16,000	
On land and banking houses	24,841	26,074	27,144
To guarantee fund			2,500
To officers' provident fund			9,000
Balance forward	13,313	7,313	6,873

The average amount at credit of each depositor may be compared as follows:—

AVERAGE DEPOSIT PER DEPOSITOR.			
1906	£54 13 7½	1908	£54 16 5½
1907	55 0 9	1909	54 7 10
	54 17 3½		54 14 4½

There was thus an increase of 6/5 as against the previous year. The average amount of interest added to each depositor's account was £1 12/92. The reserves were made up as follows:—At credit of reserve fund, £223,720; mortgages depreciation and general investments account, £50,529; guaranteed fund, £2500; and profit and loss account, £6872. The ratio of assets held on December 31 last was £1/1/11 for each £1 of liability. The deposits received during the year totalled £3,781,667, an increase of £214,634, there was paid to depositors £3,558,671, a decrease of £21,705, deposits thus exceeding withdrawals by £192,995, against an excess of withdrawals during 1909 of £53,343.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Lacy, Ltd., has been registered with a capital of £10,000, in shares of £1 each, the object being to carry on the business of timber merchants. The first directors are:—Messrs. T. P. Moxon, of Brisbane, and G. M. Gunmow, of Cairns. The registered office is in Sydney.

Macquarie Bond, Ltd., has a capital of £5000 in shares of £1 each, the object being to acquire the bond business, etc, of H. Creighton, Circular Quay. The first directors are:—Messrs. H. Creighton, H. S. Blaydes, G. Barrard, and E. L. Sanders.

F. J. Cornwell and Co., Ltd., has a capital of £10,000, in shares of £1 each, and will acquire the business of F. J. Cornwell and Co.

Supplement Nos. 21 and 22 of the Customs Tariff Guide are to hand.

It is now more than a year since a new edition of the guide was promised.

The Broken Hill Water Supply has declared a dividend of /4d. and ½ bonus of 4/, payable on April 1.

At yesterday's wool sales 10,986 bales were offered and 8300 bales sold, including 422 bales disposed of privately.

The market continued to rule firm for good wools, faulty sorts being still irregular.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

With the prospects of a spell of fine weather business in most lines yesterday became active. Tea, however, was an exception. There was a fair number of sales, but only sufficient to meet requirements. Distributers prefer to go on the safe lines of stocking only to meet current requirements rather than stock for a period and risk a falling market. Yet if statistics tell anything there is no chance of such an event a long way ahead. A cable received yesterday stated that the Colombo market advanced again, especially for good and fine teas. For the best Ceylon prices are so high that they are altogether beyond the Sydney market.

Oils are of the firmest. Zinc, white Australian red seal, dry, has advanced £1 a ton, £29 net being paid for parcels and £30/10/ net for small lots. Zinc, white ground, in oils, has advanced in sympathy. The English brands have also advanced £1, and are now in indications that until September no fall would take place, that whatever alteration was made would be on higher levels than the present ruling prices. Some change has also occurred in China oils. Pure China is up about /3, 5/4 to 5/6 a gallon being asked, according to brands. For denaturized 2/6 is asked.

A quiet business was done in jute, and all lines were at top prices. One hundred bales of woolpacks sold for July delivery equal to 2/6½. On Calcutta prices it would cost 2/6 to land here in that month. For July, 2/7 is asked. Spot prices are about 2/4. Corncobs are extremely firm, and any below the 5/ mark are at once snapped up. In the morning 300 bales were taken at 4/11½, and later some were sold at 5/, but at this price buyers are not too anxious to purchase. Branbags are slow of sale at 3/9 to 3/9½.

In dried fish salmon are meeting with a good demand, and orderings ahead are not sufficient to meet requirements. Sardines are going off among distributers in free fashion. Singapore produce is a trifle lower, but the easing of the market is expected to be nothing more than temporary.

FROZEN MEAT EXPORTS.

Shipments of frozen meat from Sydney during the week ended February 18 amounted to 46,514 carcases of mutton, 41,964 for the United Kingdom, 271 for India and Ceylon, 41 for Hongkong, and 4208 for Canada.

The frozen beef exports for the same period were 761 quarters and pieces, 661 for the United Kingdom, and 100 for Canada.

STATE BUTTER SHIPMENTS.

Butter shipments from Sydney during the week ended February 18 amounted to 14,065 boxes, as follows:—United Kingdom and Continent, 12,617, Hongkong, 155; India and Ceylon, 83; China, 311; Japan, 50; New Caledonia, 20; Philippine Islands, 30; South Sea Islands, 62; German New Guinea, 5; British New Guinea, 27; elsewhere, 696.

WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTS.

The wheat and flour exports of the Commonwealth in the equivalent of wheat amount since the commencement of the wheat season to 14,344,320 bushels, compared with 17,825,269 bushels for the same period of the previous season. During the week ended Saturday last the exports were the equivalent of 1,276,944 bushels. The figures through which the main ports were the largest of the four exporting States—New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia—but it must be remembered that a great deal of this wheat is New South Wales-grown, coming from Riverina, and finding in Victorian ports its natural outlet. Since the abolition of the drawback returns it has not been possible to deduct the Riverina amount, and so find the true shipments of Victorian grain. The export from Sydney for the season has amounted to 3,612,549 bushels, which it will be seen, is slightly more than at the same period last year.

Both Victoria's and South Australia's totals are less than those of last year, the latter notably so. Western Australian exports show an increase of over 500 per cent., totalling 805,104 this season, as against 135,000 last season.

Appended is a table giving the details of exports from the four exporting States up to February 18, and up to February 11 of this season, and up to February 17 of last season:—

State.	To Feb. 18, 1911. Bushels.	To Feb. 11, 1911. Bushels.	To Feb. 17, 1910. Bushels.
New South Wales	3,612,549	2,124,736	3,612,549
Victoria	5,320,140	4,760,903	6,098,867
South Australia	4,512,506	4,241,469	7,486,352
Western Australia	880,020	805,104	135,000
	14,344,320	13,037,255	17,825,269

BREADSTUFFS.

Only small lots of wheat were sold yesterday, when the one shipper who for the past two or three days has been offering above the market was still in line with his competitors. No large parcels were offering, and farmers seem to be holding on to the grain as long as possible. A stagnant market will continue for some days as there is no desire to do extensive business at the other end of the world, where a hand-to-mouth policy is the rule. A London cable received yesterday stated:—"There are heavier arrivals of Australian wheat; there are heavier offerings, and the market is weaker." For March-April delivery in Sydney it would be difficult to find a buyer to offer 3/4. A fair amount of business was done in flour at the association price of £8/5 a ton.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 2568 tons of wheat and 218 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TEA.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer at auction to-day, on behalf of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. and Messrs. Parbury, Hendy, and Co., 906 packages of Ceylon tea.

EASTERN PRODUCE.

Rice: Best Japan, £20 per ton; locally dressed, from £16 to £18, according to grade, per ton of 56lb bags; 10 tons for parcels of each port, Rangoon, £10 per ton (in bond).

Sago: 19 cwt.

Tapioca: Medium pearl, 2½ per cwt; seed sago, 19 per cwt; flaked tapioca, 21/ a cwt.

Arrowroot (Maranta): 12/6 per cwt, in sacks; 12/9 in 56lb bags; pearls 10/ less.

Split peas: 16/3 in sacks, 16/6 in 56lb bags, parcels 10/ less.

Seeds: Canary, 18/ per cwt; hemp, 20/; linseed, white, 26/ to 27/ per cwt; linseed meal, 35/ per cwt; in small lots; rape, 21/ per cwt; mixed bird seed, 19/ to 21/.

Spices: Cloves, 1/3 per lb; mace, 2/8 per lb for whole, 2/10 for ground; pimento, 8½ to 9 per lb; caraway seeds, 8½ per lb; pure white pepper, in 25lb bags, 1½ per lb; pure black, in 25lb bags, 9½ per lb; black pepper, in 50lb bags, 8½ per lb; ginger, 5½ per lb, in 5lb packets 10/ extra; nutmegs, case lots 9, smaller lots 10.

Oatmeal: 25lb bags, 19/6 per cwt; flaked, 7lb bags, 21/ per cwt, 20/ for 2 or more; rolled oats, 5lb bags 21/6 per cwt, 25lb packets 5/ per doz.

Whole bleached ginger, 9½; ground ginger, loose 10½, tins 11½; preserved, 8½ to 9½.

Arrowroot: 7½ to 8 per lb, in packets.

JUTE.

New standard cornsacks, on spot, parcels, 5/; Woolpacks, 2/4; to arrive, duty shipment, 2/7.

Woolpacks, 2/4.

Ore sockets: 36oz 2 7½, 20oz 2/4.

DRIED FRUITS.

Dates: Good quality, /2½ parcels, /3½ distributing lots.

Sultanas: Australian 1 and 2 Crown, /6½ and /7½; imported (Smyrna), /8½ for new.

Muscatels: Imported, 1/3; Mildura, 1/4.

Lexias: /4½ to /5½, according to grade.

Prunes: American, /9; New South Wales, /8; French, /9½.

Evaporated fruits: Apples, new, bulk, /7; 1lb cartons, /8, according to grade; apricots, box lots, plain /8½, choice /9½.

Figs: 4½ box boxes, 6-3 12oz boxes; Protoleons, in 5lb boxes, /8½ to /9½ per lb; pulled 5lb boxes /8½, 1lb boxes /9½.

Currants (Australian standard): 2, 3, 4 Crown, /5½, /6; imported (Amalfias), /6½ to /6½; Provincials, /6, to arrive, /6½.

GROCERIES.

Tinned fruits: First-grade, assorted, 8/ per doz.; apricots, 7/3; peaches, 8/6 to 9/ per doz; pineapples, first grade 6/6, seconds 6/.

Almonds: Jordan, 2-3 to 2/6; soft-shelled, /8½.

Nuts: Brazil, 11½; walnut, 9½; parcels, to /9½; distributing lots; Barcelona, /5; almonds, soft shelled, /9; ditto, Jordan, 2/3.

Bullmore: Scroll, talls 10/9 for 1lb tins; flats, 1lb tins 10/9, halves 6/6 to 7/, in distributing lots; Geema, talls 9/9, flats 6/; halves 6/3; Monarch, talls 9/6, flats 9/, halves 6/; Pride of Alaska, talls 8/3; Kailuk Horseshoe, 8/6.

Sultanas: Tref., halves, 6/9, quarters 5/; ordinary brands, halves 4/3 to 4/6, quarters 2/6 to 2/9; smoked, halves 3/6 to 3/9, quarters 2/ to 2/3.

Salt fish: Herrings, 10/ in half-barrels; salmon, barrels /4, half-barrels /5 per lb; ling, /5½.

Herrings: Scaling brands, fresh, 4/10½ to 5/; herrings in tomatoes, 5/9 to 6/4; kippered herrings, 6/6.

Matches: Wax vestas, 3/6 2's, 2/6½ 12's; Bell's (Melbourne), 12's 3/4d to 5/3, 24's 3/3; safeties, 2/4½ to 2/9; pasaphorus, up to 8/7½.

Candles: Import'd, Goodes, /7½; D.R.J., /7½ to /7½; local make, from 4½ to /6½.

Lemon peel, /5½; citron, /8; orange, /6 per lb.

Clothes pegs, 3in 4, 4in 2/9 to 4/ per box.

Bottle corks: Cork's drift, 1st 4/8, 2nd 4/6, 10oz 12/, 20oz 27/, 4 gallon cins, 7/6 per gallon.

Milk: Imported, Nestle's, 5½; Milkmaid, 4/6 to 4/9; Gold Medal, 5½; in case lots, smaller quantities, 5 6 to 6½ respectively. Local brands, 4/3 to 4/6 case lots, 4/4 to 4/7½ smaller quantities; Bacchus Marsh, 5-case lots, 4/3.

Rockall: Liverpool, red, 48/.

Salt: Eagle, coarse, 2/6 advance, 62/6; Emu, crude, unchanged, 50/; castle, refined, coarse 2/6 advance 67/6; Castle, fine, 80/; 100, 2/6 advance, 77/6; Castle, extra fine, 5/ advance, 75/; Castle, dairy, finest 5/ advance, 85/ a ton.

CHEMICALS.

Rosin: "G" grade £15 distributing, £14/15/ parcels; "N" grade, £16.

Citric acid: Spot, 1/6.

Cream of tartar: 95 per cent., /11½, distributing; 90 per cent., 1/0½, distributing.

Saccharine: Spot, 2/6 parcels; 2/7½ to 2/9 distributing.

Soda: Powder, £24; lump, £22/10/ to £22/10/. In parcels, in iron kegs; 2cwt kegs, 10/ less.

Bicarbonate (Brunner Mond), £12/6 to £7/15/ in 5's, to £8/10. In 1's, distributing lots, 3/ per cwt; mineral water strength, tinted (Brunner Mond), £6/15/ to £7, caustic, Hungratt's, 70 to 72 per cent., in parcels, £13 to £13/10/; spot; Greenbank's, 76 to 77 per cent., in parcels, £14 to £14/10/; Brunner Mond, 76 to 78 per cent., £12/10/ on spot for it. Take no other.—Advt.

2/6 less to arrive; B. M., 76 to 77 per cent., £13/15/; silicate soda, liquid, £6/15/ for parcels, lump £5/5/ parcels; soda ash, £7/10/ in 10's.

Boracic: 45/ per cwt.

Carb ammonia: B.M., lump, in 3cwt cases, /5 per lb; powdered, /5½ per lb.

Muriate of ammonia £26/10/ to £26 per ton.

Flowers of sulphur: Parcels, £3/17/6.

Carbide: £12/15/ to £14, in parcels, according to brand.

MINING.

LEAD FIRMS, SO DO SILVER SHARES.

COPPER STEADY, GOLD AND TIN QUIET.

The fact that the notice-board in the vestibule of the Stock Exchange presented a rather beggarly array of sales yesterday morning was no guide to the tone of the market. If it were a criterion, one would be justified in thinking that a weak market ruled, whereas, as a matter of fact, the tone of the market showed a distinct improvement.

This was particularly noticeable in the case of silver shares, and was, doubtless, due to the fact that the price of lead recovered 2/3 in London on Wednesday, whilst the middle prices and buying offers on the London Stock Exchange the same day showed a firmer feeling for Broken Hill silver propositions. In like manner, London quotations also indicated strong buyers of Mount Elliotts, but the principal strength was shown in the silver division.

The firmness of the latter locally was shown by the fact that B.H. Junction North sold at 18/-, 3d up, with buyers unsupplied at that figure at noon. Sulphide Corporation changed hands at 18/10½, but were afterwards unobtainable at 19/-. British Broken Hill (old) recovered 3d; whilst Broken Hill Souths, contributing, moved from 99/ to £5, the century being reached after a long struggle. Naturally enough, the paid scrip of the latter company made a sympathetic advance, buyers failing to draw sellers at an advance of 2/ on the previous sale rate. In like manner, improved offers were made for B.H. Proprietary and Broken Hill North, with inquiries for Zinc Corporation and British Broken Hill, privileged, but sellers either quoted too wide, or were scarce.

In the copper division, the most noticeable feature in a rather quiet market, so far as regards the amount of business transacted, was the strong demand for Mount Elliotts, consequent on London buyers at £5/10/7½. Local buyers offered £5/9/-, an advance of 1/ on the previous sale, but holders quoted wide. Great Fitzroys, Queen Bee (new), and Hampdens commanded steady offers, but there was not much vigour in the calls for Budgery, Chillagoe, Kyloe Copper, Tolwong Minerals, and Mount Morgans. On the other hand, holders showed no disposition to mark down prices.

In the gold division, Harden Gold Mine steadied somewhat on the retrograde movement that set in earlier in the week. Charters Towers stocks were freely quoted, good offers being made for Brilliant Extended, Bonnie Dundee, and Oaks Rush. On the other hand, Western Australian stocks were quiet, the Bullfinch group still holding out signals of weakness. In the tin division, speculation was at a standstill, despite steady offers for Great Britain Sluicing and New Wylie Creek. Tongkah Harbour Tin were wanted, but holders declined to make the concession demanded by buyers.

To a large extent the afternoon's proceedings were a replica of those of the morning, with the slight difference than an even smaller amount of business was done. The tone of the market for silver shares held firm to the close, with B.H. Junction North making a further advance on the strong sales earlier in the day. The better feeling shown for Harden Gold Mine became more pronounced, whilst the Bullfinch group were friendless.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Rogan River	—	0 4 0
Budgery	0 1 8	—
Chillagoe, contributing	0 6 6	0 6 9
Cobar Gladstone	0 0 6	0 1 6
Great Fitzroy	0 10 6	0 11 0
Hampden Cloncurry, paid	1 4 6	1 5 0
Kangiara	—	0 5 0
Kyloe	0 6 9	0 6 11
Ditto, preference	—	0 10 0
Lloyd Copper	0 0 9	—
Mount Elliott	5 9 0	5 10 0
Mt. McIlroy, pref.	—	0 2 9
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 2 3	—
Queen Bee	0 4 3	—
Ditto, (new)	0 1 7	—
Tolwong Mineral	0 0 6	0 10 6
St. Mungo	0 10 0	—
TIN.		
Gilmore	—	0 1 0
Vulcan	0 1 0	0 1 3
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 15 3	0 15 6
Ditto, Privileged	0 14 0	0 14 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 16 0	1 17 0
Ditto Block 10	1 19 —	1 19 6
Ditto Block 14, preference	0 8 1½	0 8 6
B.H. Junction	0 2 6	0 2 7
B.H. Junction North	0 18 3	0 18 6
B.H. North	4 5 6	—
B.H. South	5 5 6	5 10 0
B.H. South Contributing	4 19 9	5 0 0
B.H. South Blocks	1 1 1½	1 1 3
Zinc Corporation	—	1 13 0
C.S.A. Mines, paid	0 5 8	0 5 10
Kootra Mines	0 1 0	0 1 6
Sulphide Corporation, ord.	0 18 10½	0 19 0
Sulphide Corporation, pref.	—	1 10 0
Zinc Corporation, ord.	—	0 12 6
Ditto, pref.	1 18 0	2 2 0
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 0	0 1 4
Bonkham, contg.	0 1 0	0 1 10
Cosmopolitan	0 7 0	0 7 6
Ditto, contributing	0 5 2	0 5 5
Harden	0 4 0	0 4 6
Mount Boyd	0 0 —	0 0 6
Residental	—	0 6 0
Gold—Dredging and Sluicing.		
Arahura Central	—	0 2 6
Arahura Redbank	0 9 0	0 11 6
Ovens Valley	—	0 4 6
Turon River	—	0 0 6
Tin—Dredging and Sluicing.		
Great Britain Sluicing	1 6 6	1 10 0
New Wylie Creek	0 1 3	0 1 9
Tongkah Harbour	1 12 0	1 13 0
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	0 1 9	0 2 0
Brilliant Block	0 2 —	—
Ditto, contributing	0 2 2	0 2 6
Brilliant Extended	—	0 0 6
East Mexicans, paid	0 14 9	—
Mount Morgan, paid	3 9 0	3 10 0
Oaks Rush	0 4 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 3 6	0 4 2
Gympie.		
Columbia Extended	0 2 8	0 2 9
North Smithfield	—	0 2 3
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 8	—
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	0 5 10
Victoria.		
Monument Hill, contg.	—	0 3 0
Western Australia.		
Black Range	—	2 12 0
Black Range West, contg.	—	0 1 6
Bullfinch South, contg.	—	0 0 6
Bullfinch Proprietary	1 18 3	2 0 0
Great Chaffinch, contg.	0 0 3	0 3 6
Great Finch, contg.	0 0 3	0 3 6
Bullrush	—	0 4 0

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Tolwong Minerals, six weeks, 9/; Budgery, 1/9; Queen Bee (new), 1/7.

Silver.—B.H. Junction North, 18/; Sulphide Corporation, 18/10½; British (old), 15/6; B. H. South, contg., 99/9, £5.

Gold.—Harden Gold Mines, 7/4½.

Tin.—Nil.

BULLFINCH SALES.

Bullfinch Proprietary, odd lot, 38/9.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Mount Morgan, 39/9.

Silver.—B.H. Junction North, 18/; B.H. South, contributing, £5; C.S.A. Mines, paid, 5/10; B.H. Junction North, 18/9.

Gold.—Harden Gold Mines, 7/6.

Tin.—Nil.

BULLFINCH SALES.

Nil.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday shares in Australian mining ventures were quoted as follows:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 37/; B.H. Norths, 32/3; B.H. Block 10, 35/; Amalgamated Zinc, 31/9; B.H. South (paid), £5/6/3; B.H. South Blocks, 20/6; British (old), 15/9; Great Fitzroy, 11/3; Mount Elliott, £5/10/7½; Great Cobar, 92/6; Mt. Morgans, 67/6; Briseis, 7/; Bullfinch Proprietary, 38/3; Kalgurli, £5/9/4½; Ivanhoe, £6/11/3; Great Boulder, 18/9; Golden Horseshoes, 7½; L. V. Consols, 15/; Sons of Gwalia, 34/9; Gwalia Consolidated, /6.

Others (buyers):—B.H. Block 10, 34/; British (old), 15/; Broken Hill Proprietary, 35/; B.H. Norths, 85/; B.H. South, paid, £5/5/7½; Zinc, ord., 11/9; B.H. South Blocks, 20/; Amalgamated Zinc, 31/3; Lyells, 30/9; Mt. Morgans, 67/6; Mt. Elliott, £5/10/7½.

Lead was quoted at £13/3/9, a rise of 2/3.

MINING NOTES.

A dividend of 1/ per share has been declared by the directors of the Broken Hill Proprietary Block 10 Company, payable on March 22.

During the week ended February 15 the Vo,etable Creek Tin-mining Company won 18 cwt of tin oxide from wash extracted while crosscutting. At the eastern end of the mine, No. 1 crosscut carried an average of 2ft of wash, and No. 2 crosscut 4ft 6in of wash.

The new main north branch tunnel of the Main Ridge Deep Leads Company is now in 73ft. The new air shaft (No. 3), located on the western side of the lead, to connect with No. 1 cross-drive west, has been started, and is down 26ft. The manager will start a prospecting drive north off No. 2 rise as soon as the new air shaft is completed, and the necessary air is available.

Our Melbourne correspondent states:—"At an extraordinary meeting of the Balfour Blocks Copper Mines, No Liability, held to-day (Thursday), a resolution was passed requiring the company to be voluntarily wound up, and a new one, called the Balfour Blocks Mining Company, No Liability, was formed, with a capital of £100,000 in 100,000 shares of £1 each, to acquire the assets and undertaking of the old company. In consideration of such the new company allows to the other company, or its nominees, 85,000 shares credited as paid to 10/ a share, and agrees to pay all the debts of the company, also all expenses incidental to the sale, formation, and registration of the new company. The balance of the shares (15,000) is to be held in reserve. Messrs. Bowes Kelly, A. M. Campbell, and E. A. Weinberg were elected directors."

MINING IN THE STATE.

FOREST REEFS, Thursday.

Some Lucknow and local residents are to take on tribute the Reward claim, Wire Gully. The mine is well opened out, and the reef is said to be retaining its value.

The unwatering of the Austral mine has proved unsuccessful after some £200 expenditure in the attempt. Another pump will replace the present ones.

On Finneran's property H. Jaegar and party have sunk their shaft to 80ft, 10ft up from which north-west and south-east drives are being stoped out. The reef is carrying a little gold.

Messrs. Smith and party are still successfully treating tailings by cyanide, keeping four very large vats utilised.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mr. Alfred A. Lockwood, inventor of the Murex magnetic process, left Broken Hill on Wednesday night for England. He said he is well satisfied with what the Murex plant had done in Broken Hill on the Block 14 mine. As Mr. King had stated, a parcel of ore from the South Blocks would probably be put through the plant as a test, and negotiations were proceding with several mining companies in Australia for the introduction of plants, but for the moment he did not care to mention the names of the companies. The staff at present on Block 14 will remain.

BRITISH BROKEN HILL MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The mill of the British mine for the past fortnight treated 5230 tons of crude ore for 801 tons of lead concentrates, containing 20,026oz. silver, 50% tons lead, and 38 tons zinc. The zinc plant produced 777 tons of zinc concentrates, containing 7615oz silver, 80 tons clad, and 336 tons zinc. The new storage tanks are being slightly altered.

A NEW FIND.

YERRANDERIE, Thursday.

Messrs. E. Reilly, W. Mills, and J. Burke have discovered a gold-bearing reef at the head of Church Creek, seven miles from Yerranderie. Official assays give 6oz 19dwt of gold, and 11oz 14dwt of silver. It is reported that all the surrounding country has been pegged out. There is much local excitement. The three discoverers are experienced miners, and reliable men. This find is some miles from the Kowmong property, which was closed and abandoned, after several thousand of pounds had been spent without obtaining specimens anything like those which have been brought in now. The new country is very rugged, and appears to be highly mineralised.

THE GOLDEN WEST.

BULLFINCH PROPRIETARY CRUSHING.

DROP IN VALUE OF ORE.

SOUTHERN CROSS, Thursday.

It is estimated there are about 250 miners now employed on the Bullfinch field. The Bullfinch Proprietary alone employs 100, and will probably put on another 50 next week. The Bullfinch Proprietary mine the contract for sinking from the main shaft only let for 100ft, and the contractors expect to finish next Saturday fortnight. Another 100ft will be sunk, but it will be some considerable time before the 200ft level is reached. From reliable source it is reported the mine is looking well, and that crushing of 1000 bags of ore now being treated will go between seven and eight ounces per ton.

A well-known Kalgoorlie mining engineer, at present visiting Southern Cross, speaks in high terms of the recent development at the bottom level of the Great Boulder, and says the Golden Horseshoe should profit considerably from it.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

GOLDEN MILE DEVELOPMENTS.

RAND MILLING PROCESS.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

The last 6ft of the sulphide ore body through which the diamond-drill from the 2800ft level (main shaft) of the Great Boulder passed, while being extended towards the Golden Horseshoe boundary, assays 22dwt per ton. The first 4ft averaged 2oz 17dwt, so that the average over the whole 9ft shows the body to be of splendid grade. If the bore had been truly horizontally the distance bored would mean that the drill is some 5ft across the Golden Horseshoe boundary, but there is a chance of the drill having been deflected either up or down. It is assumed that the ore body just cut is an entirely new make of stone, though the matter of a few feet one way or the other may mean a big thing for either the Great Boulder or the Golden Horseshoe company. The pleasing fact remains, that whichever company secures the lion's share of the ore body the prosperity and permanence of the field have been more firmly established than ever.

The Associated Gold Mines Company, which has been installing new machinery and making a general overhaul since Christmas, has again started development work. It is anticipated the new machinery will show an increased output and better results generally.

The Golden Horseshoe management has just started a new 20-head mill, which brings the total number of stamps up to 170. In the new additions the latest approved Rand process has been followed.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—

Morning: Radium, £8; Broken Hill, 37/; British Blocks (old), 15/4½; South (paid), £5/9/; Bullinch Proprietary, 39/, 38/6; Rowan's Find, 1/1; Bullrush, 3/4½, 3/6; Bullinch West, 1/10; Butterfly, 1/10; Tarcoola Blocks, 2/6.

Noon: Young Bullinch, 2/3; Green Finch, 1/11; Bullrush, 3/6; Bullinch West, 1/9; Butterfly, 1/9½.

The closing sales and quotations were:—

Gold: Northern, 4/9, 4/10, b 4/10, 4/11; Comadores, con, b 4/3, 5/; Great Boulders, 18/6, b 18/6½, 18/7½; Boulder Perseverance, b 4/10, 5/; Golden Pole, b 20/3, 20/6; Oreya, 1/9, b 1/8½, 1/10½; Tarcoola Blocks, 2/6, b 2/5, 2/7; Marrora, ex div., b 16/, 16/6; Sons of Gwalia, b 33/6, 34/9; Gwalia South, b 7/., 7/4; South Kalgurli, b 11/, 11/9.

Bullinch sales and quotations:—Exchange Tasmni, b £14/10/, £14/18/5/; Koolyanie, 97/6, b 85/, 100/; Zeigler Prospecting, b £22/10/, £25; Bullinch Proprietary, 39/, 37/6, 40/, b 39/6, 40/; Bullinch South contg, 1/8, 1/7½, 1/9, b 1/8½, 1/9½; Birthday, 1/3½, b 1/3, 1/4½; Bullinch Estates, contg, 3/5½, 3/6, 3/5, b 3/5, 3/6; Eagle Hawk, contg, 1/., b 1/, 1/11; Greenfinch Proprietary, contg, 1/11, b 1/11, 2/; Great Chaffinch, contg, 1/., b 1/., 1/2; Great Finch Hill, contg, 1/., b 1/11, c 2/; Rowan's Find, contg, 1/3, 1/3½, b 1/., 1/4; Young Bullinch, contg, 2/3, 2/2, b 2/2, 2/3; Bullinch West, contg, 1/10, 1/9½, 1/10, b 1/9½, 1/10; Golden Butterfly, contg, 1/10, 1/9½, 1/10, b 1/9½, 1/10.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 37, 39/9, 37/, b 37, 37/3½; British (old), 15/4½, 15/3, 15/4½, b 15/4½, 15/6; ditto (new), b 1/4½, 1/6; B.H. Junctions, 2/6, 2/6, 2/4½, b 2/5½, 2/6; B.H. Norths, 87, 88/6, 88/3, b 88, 88/6; B.H. Souths, paid, 100/, 111/, b 110/, 111/6; ditto, contg, 101, 103/, b 102, 103/; B.H. South Blocks, b 21/, 22/.

Copper: Chillagoe, paid, 7/4, 7/6; Hampden, paid, b 24/7½, 24/10½; Mount Morgan, b 67/6, 69/3; Mungana, 2/6, b 2/6, 2/8; Great Fitzroy, b 10/9, 11/3.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—

Silver: B.H. Block 10, 34/6; B.H. Proprietary, 37/; B.H. South (paid), 5/5½; B.H. South Blocks, 20/; North Broken Hill, 87/6, 88/6.

Copper: Mt. Lyell, 76/, 79/; Mt. Lyell, 30/3, 30/6; ditto. Blocks, 1/; Great Fitzroy, 10/10; Chillagoe (paid), 7/4; Hampden, 24/9, 24/7½, 24/6.

Tin: Briseis, 7/2; Melbourne Cope's Creek (paid), 5/6.

Gold: Bendoc Victoria, 3/; Cathcart, 6/2, 6/1; ditto, Central, 2/3; Champion, 2/2, 5/1; Duke and Main Reef, 1/; Frenchman's Reef, 10/; ditto, South, 1/9, 1/8; Mauritius and Frenchman's, 3/2, 3/1; Golden Fleece, 1/3; New Langi Logan, 7/6; North Nuggety Reef, 11/9, 15/; Nuggety Ajax, 12/, 10/10; Pyrenees Proprietary, 2/3; Wm. Tell, 5/, 4/8; Black Range, 80/; Bullfrog Option, £20.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-days sales were:—Birds Reef, 6/9; Central Red White and Blue, 75, 74/6; Goldfields United, 1/5½; Langdon, 1/2½; New Golden Fleece, 1/4, 1/7; South Bendigo, 1/6; Victoria Consols, 6/10½; William Tell, 4/11.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

To-days sales were:—Tasmania, b 2/7, s 2/9½; Magnet, b 7/3, s 7/5; North Farrell, b 2/1, s 2/8; Hercules, b 10/4½, s 11/; Tasmanian Copper, b 4/9, s 4/10; Mount Bischoff, b £45/, Arba, b 8/., s 7/6; Pioneer, b 25/, s 27/; Mutual Hill, b 1/5, s 1/6.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Mexican, con., 35/3; Pfeiffers, con., 1/.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—B. Block, 6/; Pfeiffers, 1/.

APPRENTICESHIP.

ACTION BY THE EMPLOYERS.

The question of apprentices as affecting students at the Technical College was under discussion at a meeting of the executive committee of the Employers' Federation yesterday.

A sub-committee was appointed to consult with a committee of the Chamber of Manufactures and also of the Master Builders' and kindred associations, and to draw up a report on apprenticeship, with a view to placing it before a full meeting of members of the Employers' Federation.

The report will subsequently be submitted to the Minister for Education and Labour.

COUNTRY NEWS.

MUNICIPAL.

BARRABA, Thursday.

Mr. Donald Morrison, of Cobar, has been appointed council clerk, and Mr. Alfred Hipwell, of Windsor, sanitary inspector. There were 35 applicants for the latter position.

CORAKI, Thursday.

Mr. C. E. Hawtin, of Cobar, has taken over the duties of town clerk of Coraki.

Mr. W. J. Philpott, bandmaster of the Coraki town band, has accepted the position of bandmaster to the Wagga brass band.

A rowing club has been formed at South Woodburn.

Survey work in connection with the Coraki swamp drainage scheme having been completed, it is hoped that the preliminary advertisements regarding the formation of the necessary trust will appear at once, so that no unnecessary delay may occur in connection with this important work.

As a result of a protest from the district in connection with the proposed Tuckian canal escape trust, and the Tuckian swamp drainage trust, it has now been decided that a board sit in the district to take all evidence for and against both proposals.

DORRIGO, Thursday.

The southerly weather brought terrific showers intermittently on Monday evening and Tuesday, registering for 48 hours eight inches. The waterways are topping the banks. The district is virtually marooned. Mails cannot leave Bellinger. The Sydney mail will go via Never Never, where the Bellinger River is feet over the bridge. No cream can reach the factory.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

The rights in connection with the forthcoming show realised £154 10s.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

A large number of deputations are being arranged to interview the Minister for Public Works on his forthcoming visit to the district to urge the carrying out of important public works, notably the South Grafton-Glenreagh section of the North Coast railway, and the harbour works at the Clarence Heads.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

The river at Bellbrook is 11ft and rising. The water is over the wharfs at Central Kempsey.

KURRI KURRI, Thursday.

A fire occurred on Sunday morning, when Smithers' general store and a residence at the rear were burned to the ground. The stock was partly insured for £125. Several people had narrow escapes.

Work at the collieries has been fairly good, all things considered. Stanford Merthyr lost eight shifts in the last fortnight, but is again in full swing.

LISMORE, Thursday.

A very successful conversazione was held on Friday under the auspices of the Lismore Philharmonic Society to welcome the new conductor, Mr. T. H. Massey.

SUNDAY POSTAL WORK.

THE MINISTER'S VIEWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Next week a deputation from the Council of Churches is to wait on the Postmaster-General with regard to Sunday work.

Mr. Thomas, in referring to the subject today, said that there was something to be said for an objection to Sunday work. Whether it was on conscientious grounds or not, Parliament had passed a resolution restricting Federal employees' work to six days a week, except in emergency. Sunday work consequently meant a day off during the week, and though Sunday carried 50 per cent. extra wages many of the girls preferred Sunday at home or abroad. It seemed that, owing to the Parliamentary regolution, the tendency of the system was to penalise those who object to Sunday, for whatever reason, because the employee who will not work on Sunday loses in practice half a day's wages in the week compared with the Sunday worker.

VANCOUVER MAIL SERVICE.

ABANDONMENT A MISTAKE.

SUGGESTED STATES SUBSIDY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Minister for Lands, Mr. M'Kenzie, today said that he had heard with regret that the Commonwealth authorities had decided to abandon the subsidy for a direct mail service with Canada.

"It appears," he added, "as if we are to be compelled to do without any direct shipping communication with that part of the world. I think this will be a great mistake. There is a big market in Canada for Australian products, and it is of considerable importance to us to have a direct service with Vancouver. The question is one for the Commonwealth rather than the State, but I believe the Victorian Government for one would give serious consideration to the idea of a shipping subsidy in this case if the steamers called at Melbourne.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Wool sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 10,986 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 9000 bales, as under:—

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At auction.	Sales. Privately, exchange.	Sales. Privately, outside exchange.	Total sales.
John Bridge and Co., Ltd.	7,806	6,328	291	45	6,665
Hill, Clark, and Co. Ltd.	3,180	2,650	85	—	2,735
Totals	10,986	8,878	376	46	9,900

The market for good wools ruled very firm at late rates, but finer grades being keenly competed for, especially by the French section. Faulty and burry sorts were still a little irregular.

John Bridge and Co., Ltd., offered a nice selection of wools of fine spinning character suitable for the Continent. In the grease the highest price was 72½ paid for 10 bales com w of 60's, New England (Bundarra), a fine, free wool in good condition, also for 38 w e of 58½, New England (Guyra), a very showy, long, free wool.

New England: 10 w e of 58 (72½) 10 e a r (12½, fine, bright, free, soft; 8C/Blenmore, new England, 25 b w e at (12, bright, free, fair condition; J C/Redlands, 9 bs w e at (12½, bright, free, fair condition; J/Bredbo, 9 AA h at (10½, 12 bst com at (10), 27 A and AA at (9½, 31 2nd com at (9½, 6 A h at (10, very fine, soft, dull; I/C/Camperdown, New England, 11 bs w e at (12, bright, fine, soft, skirty, Fk/Bundarra/New England, 9 bs w e at (12, fine, bright, good condition; WLM/New England, 11 1st com at (12½, fine, soft, free; McD/New England, 19 h w e at (12½, bright, nice character, free, fair condition; Wells, New England, 11 bs com w at (12½, bright, soft, sound; JT/Emu Hill/New England (Inverell), 23 w e at (12½, 6 w e at (12½, very bright, fair length, little burry; A, New England, Kentucky, 7 w e at (12, nice quality, free; RMR/Fairburn/New England (Wollomombi), 23 1st at (12½, 6 2nd at (11½, very fine, bluish tinged, free; J/Nevella/New England, 18 h w e at (12½, very fine, soft, fair length; WM/New England (Tenterden), 16 h w e at (12, very fine, bright, part short; JB/Grimstone/New England (Uralla), 8 w b e at (12½, h w at (12, fine, fair, free; WE B/New England, 11 h w at (12, fine, fair colour, free; JC/Reid's Flat (Burrowa), 11 h e at (11½, 22 w e at (12, 9 h e at (11½, 30 w e at (10½, 5 h at (10, DX (Dark Corner), 14 A com at (11, 6 C B h at (11½; HL/Australind (Cunewang), 20 h w e at (11½; GAL/New England, 5 at (12; JR/Maidenhead (Hall), 37 bales w e at (12½; J/Armidale/New England, 28 h w e at (12½; TM/New England, 8 1st w e at (12½; RT/New/England, 19 h w e at (12½; Mc/Bundarra/New England, 11 w e at (12½; Mc/Walgett/New England (Armidale), 8 h w at (12½; RW/New England (Glenere), 21 w at (12½; G/W in cir/New England, 10 h w e at (12½; RY/Belview/New England, 5 h w e at (12½.

Hill, Clark, and Co., Ltd., offered a catalogue principally comprising medium and faulty sorts, with a few lines of good average fleece. The best secured section embraced some well-treated parcels of fleece and skirtings. In the grease the principal sales were:—GTR/Greenwattle/Mudgee, 7 w e at (12, good colour, full length, medium condition; 3J/Delegate, 8 1st w at (10½, bright, fair staple, medium condition, soft, free; 12B (Captain's Flat), 7 h w e at (11½, good colour, fair staple, and condition, free; War/Burton (Greenhill), 33 1st e at (10, 6 1st xb at (9½, fair length, medium condition; Mc/W (Walgett), 18 1st e at (9½, 11 2nd e at (7½, medium staple and condition; C/Angle (Queanbeyan), 5 A at (10, 9 h at (9½, good colour, medium staple and condition, soft; RAP (Bombala), 10 e at (9, 6 xb h e at (10, good staple, medium condition; C. McColl/Mount Dehaner (Yerong), 7 w at (9, 8 h e at (9½, 7 xb at (9½, fair staple and condition, free; TR/J (Captain's Flat), 15 w e at (10, 12 h w at (10½, fair staple, medium condition, soft, free; Umagarine (Wellington), 19 1st com e at (10½, 6 2nd com e at (9½, good staple and condition, carrying a little dust and seed; IK (Michelago), 16 h at (11½, 11 w at (10½, 19 e at (10½, 13 1st e at (10½, good colour and length, medium condition, soft, free; T/Cooma/Nerrigo, 12 e at (9½, 11 w at (8½, 12 h at (9½, fair staple, medium condition; JKL/Weipong/New England (Emmaville), 10 1st com at (11½, 15 2nd com at (11, good length and condition, a little seedy; JH/B (Braidwood), 15 w e at (10½, 28 w e at (10½, good colour, fair staple and condition, soft; IXL (Queanbeyan), 9 A com h at (9, 69 1st com h e at (9½, good staple, medium condition; FW/Deshford (Moree), 13 com e at (9½, 8 clo e at (8½, 8 1st pcs e at (8½, fair staple and condition; I/hat (Bombala), 9 e at (9, 8 at (8½, 8 h at (8½, fair length, medium quality; MH/conj/Uralla, 6 at (9½, fair length, medium condition, soft; Mill/O'Connell, 5 xb at (10½, medium staple and condition, good quality; Gilbraltar/P (in cir) (Queanbeyan), 16 w e at (10½, medium staple and condition. Secured: Clifton/Downs (Yantabulla), 32 com w e at (11, 5 clo at (10½, 24 bs at (10½, fair, free, secured, fair colour; Brew R conj (Warren), 13 e at (10½, 45 pcs at (10, well scoured, fair colour.

"GOLOPTEX," the latest Health Belt, relieves Rheumatism and Gout. Sold everywhere, 1s 2d, 2s and 3s pamphlet.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

ALLEGED STEALING.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Bert Bevan, aged 17 years, a labourer, and Clarence Moodie, alias Monkey Brien, alias Bailey, aged 19 years, were charged before Mr. Wilkinson, S.M., at the Newcastle courthouse with stealing in company on February 13 a silver English lever hunting watch, a gold-mounted hair guard, a cheque for £10 10s 2d, and 9s in silver, valued in all at £15 10s 2d, the property of Andrew Bailey. Both accused were committed for trial at the Circuit Court to be held at Maitland on April 15 next. Clarence Moodie was also committed for trial on a charge of breaking and entering the premises of Samuel Gow, at Charlton-street, Wickham, on February 13, and stealing therein half a dozen glasses, a cake stand, and a razor, valued in all at 15s.

THE TOTALISATOR.

NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB FAVOURABLE

QUESTION OF "STIFF" RUNNING.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club, Ltd., to-night, Mr. E. A. M Merewether presiding, Dr. Doyle moved that "Whereas under the gaming laws now in force in New South Wales, racecourses are licensed and betting is permitted on such racecourses and is thereby legalised, and whereas such betting is entirely in the hands of the bookmakers, over whom the Government has no direct control, and from whom it receives no revenue, this meeting of the members of the Newcastle Jockey Club is of opinion that the establishment by law of the totalisator system of betting on all racecourses not conducted for profit is eminently desirable in the interests of the State, and for the convenience and pleasure of the racegoing public." Mr. R. Fleming seconded the resolution. Mr. A. F. Hall said he came from a country where the totalisator was in existence. He knew the benefits that would accrue to racing from it. It would also greatly benefit the charities. Personally he took no exception to bookmakers. From his experience of bookmakers and sharebrokers he preferred to deal with the bookmaker. After it was found that 40 or 50 per cent. of the horses were stiff runners it was not worth an owner's while running a horse unless he could get a punter; the totalisator was a public exposure of how the betting was going.

Mr. F. Garnham objected to Mr. Hall's remarks that 50 per cent. of the horses were stiff runners.

Mr. Hall: "Well, I don't mind making it 25 per cent."

Mr. Garnham said he thought a wrong impression might be created, and his words might be taken to mean that 50 per cent. of the horses at the Newcastle meetings were stiff runners.

Mr. Hall said they could take it as an average throughout the State.

Mr. Moroney said he did not think there was as much stiff running nowadays as heretofore.

The motion was carried unanimously, and it was decided that the secretary be instructed to forward copies of the resolution to the Premier, the Chief Secretary, and the members of Parliament for the district.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.

SIX DEFENDANTS CHARGED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Six men, Frederick Carmody, William Payne, and William Armstrong were charged at the Criminal Court to-day with the manslaughter of Ernest Albert Lupton at Kilmore Junction on January 28. The Coroner committed them for trial on a charge of murder, but the charge was reduced to manslaughter by the Crown. The accused all pleaded not guilty.

Each of the accused exhausted his right of peremptory challenge, and the Crown ordered 16 jurors to stand aside.

The evidence in support of the case for the Crown was similar to that given at the inquest. The further hearing of the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

THE EASTERN DOCKED.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS CONTEMPLATED.

The Eastern and Australian Company's steamer Eastern, which was ashore for a considerable time on Salamander Bank, Moreton Bay, was docked yesterday at Mort's, Balmain, the object being to have an examination made to enable specifications to be drawn up covering the necessary repairs. She will remain in dock for several days. As the result of surveys made it was found that the damage sustained was far greater than was at first supposed, but placed on record that there was no reflection on the owner or trainer.

K. Bracken the Sydney apprentice, will ride Nari in the Futurity Stakes. Bracken's bodily weight is 4st 5lb.

Myndian and Precious were to-day withdrawn from the Newmarket Handicap.

Oliviator bruised his heel a day or two ago, and he has not done much since. He is picking up again, and will probably run at the V.R.C. meeting.

C. Andrews has been engaged to ride St. Margaret in the Newmarket Handicap.

SCRATCHINGS.

The V.R.C. scratchings recorded were:—Caiwamor for Sires' Produce Stakes; Aloha, Biarite, and Neoptolemus for Ascot vale Stakes; Camrone and Masterpiece for all engagements.

The following scratchings for the V.A.T.C. meeting were received to-day:—

Woodcliff Handicap: Olivaster.

Stanley Steeplechase: Aleuin and Camrone.

All engagements: Gillamatong.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

MILK AND ICE CARTERS.

The Milk and Ice Carters' Union has received a communication from the Department of Labour and Industry replying to questions asked by the union. The department states that it is not a breach of the Early-closing Act for wholesale milk firms to deliver the latter's fruit on Sunday morning. The Department, however, states that when considering the amendments to the Act the union's complaint against these practices will be borne in mind.

The union has decided to take steps to obtain a wages board for the men employed in the metropolitan dairies. The secretary (Mr. Saunders) states that an award was delivered so far back as December 16, 1907, governing conditions in this industry, but it was suspended by an order of the old Arbitration Court until "prime dry" lucerne, which was then at a ton, should be to be had for seven consecutive days. Since that date Mr. Saunders declares "prime dry" lucerne has not been quoted on the market, although dairymen paid far less than £4 for their lucerne.

RAILWAY SUPERANNUATION.

At the last weekly meeting of the Railway Superannuation Board 16 letters granting pensions were approved making 71 to date. Refunds of superannuation deductions were authorised to the widows on personal representation of deceased officials, and refunds were passed to officers voluntarily retired after 15 years' service, or who were dismissed for misconduct.

TUGBOAT EMPLOYEES' UNION.

At the annual meeting of the Ferry and Tug Boat Employees' Union, Balmain, the following were elected:—President, T. O'Flaherty; vice-presidents, A. M'Intosh and A. Meill; treasurer, W. Chappell; committee, O. Smith, H. Blaxell, G. Cornwell, H. Stevens, B. Stevens, and A. Entwistle. The financial report, and balance-sheet, which disclosed a satisfactory position, were adopted.

FLOORLAYERS' UNION.

At the general meeting of the Floorlayers' Union the report of delegates to the conference with the master builders was received with approval. They reported that the conference had resulted in a satisfactory understanding on both sides, the master builders having, through their chairman, expressed approval of the union's claims.

A RECENT STRIKE.

At a meeting of the Rockchoppers' Union, held at the Trades Hall the terms of the award dealing with the dispute between the rockchoppers working on Mr. Gough's job, in Pitt-street, and the contractors were announced. It will be remembered that the men struck on December 24, 1909, and after two weeks' idleness resumed work on the understanding that the dispute would be settled by the wages board. In the award of the board the men's claims were acceded to. These were for mining in tunnels, where explosives are not used, a minimum wage of 10s per day of eight hour for work in dry places, and an increase of from 2d 1d to 2s 8d in wet places. The award is not to be retrospective, but will date from the day on which it is gazetted.

BUILDERS' LABOURERS.

At the monthly meeting of builders' labourers, held at the Trades Hall, the secretary, Mr. Millward, reported that all the papers in connection with the application if is proposed to make to the Federal Arbitration Court had been forwarded to Mr. Hannah, the secretary of the Federal Council of Builders' Labourers. Reports from Queensland showed that the strike of labourers in that State was still proceeding, and the meeting decided to call on members for further levies. A resolution was carried urging members and their friends to vote "Yes" on the referendum.

BUTCHERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Amalgamated Slaughtermen and Journeymen Butchers' Union the balance over liabilities was stated to be £1300 7s 4d. The following officebearers were elected:—Chairman, O. Waters; vice-ch

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 18656).—Re JOHN THOMAS CALDWELL, of Cadeeragh-street, Sydney, and Mosman.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First and Mosman.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 9th day of March, 1911, at three p.m. To entitle a creditor to vote at such meeting his proof must be lodged with the Registrar at least at the expiration of seven days. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat he must be enrolled as a creditor in Bankruptcy not later than the 9th day of March, 1911. F. H. PALMER, Registrar in Bankruptcy.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 18742).—Re THOMAS SCHOLEFIELD DAWSON, WRIGHT and THOMAS SCHOLEFIELD DAWSON, WRIGHT and THOMAS, of Thomas-street, Sydney, trading as Wright and Dawson, of Thomas-street, Sydney, Printers.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of creditors in the above matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 7th day of March, 1911, at 3 p.m. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 6th day of March, 1911. F. H. SALUSBURY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of creditors in the following estates will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 7th day of March, 1911, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the business of the meeting will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 3rd day of March, 1911:—Re FRANK RAINES (No. 18765), of 101 Bourke-street, Darlinghurst, Grocer, and CYRUS HOPKINS, of Marion-street, Grocer, and carried on business at Harris Park, Grover, and carried on business at Harris Park, Grover, and carried on business as the course of business between the years 1908 and 1911.—Re CECIL GREEN (No. 18667), of 32 Carrington-street, Sydney, Accountant; re JAMES JOSEPH NOLAN (No. 18669

FUNERALS.

CONNELLY.—The Friends of Mrs. MARGARET and Miss JOSEPHINE CONNELLY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER respectively; to leave St. Thomas' Church, Lewisham, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Lewisham station, thence Necropolis.
J. BRAUER, Funeral Director,
Tel., 222 Ashfield. Summer Hill.

CONNELLY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CONNELLY and FAMILY, of 383 Riley-street, Surry Hills, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Clare Agnes Connelly; to leave St. Thomas' Church, Lewisham, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Lewisham station, thence Necropolis.
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CRAIG.—The Friends of Mr. DAVID CRAIG, of 87 Barren-street, Newtown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Isabell; to move from Prince Alfred Hospital at 1.45 TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, for the Newtown Station, thence to Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. By request, no flowers. ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., 52 and 55 Australia-street, Newtown. Telephone, 75 N.

FAHEY.—The Funeral of the late Miss CATHERINE AGNES FAHEY will leave the residence of Mrs. McCooey, 53 Myrtle-street, city, THIS DAY (Friday), at 1.30 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HAGAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL HAGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Hanorah; to leave 54 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HAGAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS Kiff AGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Hanorah; to leave 54 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HAGAN.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY INNES (late of Braidwood) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SISTER, Hanorah Hagan; to leave 54 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HAGAN.—The Friends of ROBERT, THOMAS, and JOSEPH HAGAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved GRANDMOTHER, Hanorah; to leave 54 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HAGAN.—The Friends of WILLIAM, VERA, FREDDY, and HARRY KIRWIN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved GRANDMOTHER, Hanorah Hagan; to leave 54 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. DANGAR and CO., Undertakers.

JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM JORGENSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE, Hilen; to leave his residence, 5 Romney-street, Roselle, 11.28 (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PETER JORGENSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. WINCOTT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES CALLAGHAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Masters CHARLES, JACK, and DAVE GALAIN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. GALVIN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PETER JORGENSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. RODRICK are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved GRANDDAUGHTER, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the C. E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. WILLIAMS and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved COUSIN, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSEN.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN and ETTIE WHITE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late NIECE, Nellie Jorgensen; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, for Field of Mars Cemetery.

JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. DAVIS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FRIEND, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the C. E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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JORGENSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR WILSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FRIEND, Ellen Jorgenson; to leave 5 Romney-street, Roselle, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the C. E. Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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O'KEEFE.—The Funeral of the late JAMES O'KEEFE will leave our Funeral Parlours, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.30, for Rookwood.
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POPE.—The Friends of Mrs. MARIA POPE are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave the Mortuary Station THIS AFTERNOON by the 2.52 Funeral Train for Nevropolis.
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PHILLIPS.—The Funeral of the late WILLIAM PHILLIPS will leave No. 3 Barker-lane, city, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.30 a.m., for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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PATTERSON.—The Friends of Mrs. EMILY PATTERSON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved HUSBAND and FATHER, Francis William Patterson (late of Wynlong); to leave his late residence, 110 Abercrombie-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BURNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-street West. Tel., 242 Glebe.

ROBERTSON.—The Friends of Mrs. W. CLOVER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved NIECE, Edna May Robertson, which will leave her residence, 82 Edgar-street, Petersham Hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Necropolis.
MOODY and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
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SLATTERY.—The Friends of Mr. P. SLATTERY and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON (and their brother), Joseph Patrick; to move from 10 Hugo-street, Redfern, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
DANGAR and CO., Funeral Directors,
'Phone, 450 Glebe. 50 George-street West.

SLATTERY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. MURHALL CRIFFITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Joseph Patrick; to move from 10 Hugo-street, Redfern, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. DANGAR and CO., Funeral Directors.

SLATTERY.—The Friends of Mrs. ELLEN SLATTERY (late of 8b Shepherd-street) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved GRANDSON, Joseph Patrick; to move from 10 Hugo-street, Redfern, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. DANGAR and CO., Funeral Directors.

SLATTERY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. BOYLE (of Leichhardt) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NEPHEW, Joseph Patrick; to move from 10 Hugo-street, Redfern, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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SCULLY.—The Friends of the Family of the late Mrs. AGNES SCULLY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, Good-street, Granville, THIS FRIDAY, at 8.45 a.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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